

Weathering the Storm

Romney charges ahead amid opponents' woes

Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, Mich., Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011.
(AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Mitt Romney chugged ahead toward the Republican presidential nomination Thursday as his two main conservative rivals scrambled to control serious damage.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry tried to recover from a disastrous moment in Wednesday's Republican debate in which he could not remember the third of three agencies he had pledged to abolish. Perry, once the front-runner, has been trying to rebound from a precipitous drop in the polls.

Romney is looking strong, but he's hardly home free. Many conservatives still resent his past support of legalized abortion and gay rights. They criticize the health insurance program he pushed through while governor of Massachusetts that served as a model for Obama's national health care overhaul. Some conservative Christians are reluctant to vote for a Mormon like Romney.

But conservatives have failed to coalesce around a single alternative. Congresswoman Michele Bachmann briefly topped the polls, followed by Perry and then Cain. It's unclear



Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney greets supporters at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, Mich., Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011.

(AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

Meanwhile, businessman Herman Cain spent his 11th day trying to get beyond sexual harassment accusations leveled against him by four women, two of whom received cash settlements from a trade association Cain once headed.

Cain and Perry's difficulties leave few options for conservatives seeking an alternative to Romney as the Republican challenger to President Barack Obama. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich could emerge as their newest hope, but he lacks a strong campaign organization and will have to prove that his long and sometimes troubled political history can withstand closer scrutiny. With the Iowa caucuses, the first party nominating contest, set for Jan. 3,

whether Cain can hold his position. Perry on Thursday rearranged his schedule to try to mitigate his disastrous debate moment, in which he could not remember the third federal agency he has vowed to abolish. He canceled a Tennessee fundraiser to appear on several TV networks and the David Letterman show, pledging to stay in the race. He repeatedly said he "stepped in it" at the Wednesday night debate but declared in an interview, "This ain't a day for quitting nothing."

Cain, the former pizza company executive, faced voters for the first time since the sex harassment allegations emerged, meeting with conservative, anti-tax tea party groups in Michigan. □

Occupying park, but finding themselves hosts

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NEW YORK — The chorus began quietly at a recent strategy session inside Zuccotti Park, with a single cough from a security team member, a muffled hack between puffs on his cigarette. Then a colleague followed. Then another.

Soon the discussion had devolved into a fit of wheezing, with one protester blowing his nose into the mulch between clusters of tents.

"It's called Zuccotti lung," said Willie Carey, 28, a demonstrator from Chapel Hill, N.C. "It's a real thing."

As the weather turns, the protesters inside Zuccotti Park, the nexus of the Occupy Wall Street protests in Manhattan, have been forced to confront a simple truth:

Packing themselves like sardines inside a public plaza, where cigarettes are shared and a good night's sleep remains elusive, may not be conducive to good health.

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"It should go without saying that lots of people sleeping outside in a park as we head toward winter is not an ideal situation for anyone's health," the department said in a statement. Dr. Philip M. Tierno Jr., the director of clinical microbiology and immunology at NYU

which is more common in indigent populations and can be spread by coughing.

Even some camping in the park have grown concerned in recent weeks with the living quarters. Damp laundry and cardboard signs, left in the rain, have provided fertile



Occupy Wall Street protesters gather at a food table in Zuccotti Park, in New York, Nov. 10, 2011. As the weather turns, the protesters inside Zuccotti Park, where cigarettes are shared and a good night's sleep remains elusive, are confronted with the simple truth that their living conditions may not be conducive to good health.

(Ozier Muhammad/The New York Times)



An Occupy Wall Street protester in the west side of Zuccotti Park in New York, Nov. 8, 2011. While New York City police officers are stationed at the periphery of the park, the department seems to have ceded patrols of the park interior to the protesters.

(Todd Heisler/The New York Times)

cive to good health. "Pretty much everything here is a good way to get sick," said Salvatore Cipolla, 23, from Long Island. "It'll definitely thin the herd."

The city's health department said that officials had visited the park and that it would continue to monitor conditions with winter loom-

ing. Langone Medical Center, said the conditions could leave park-dwellers susceptible to respiratory viruses; norovirus, the so-called winter vomiting virus, which can lead to vomiting and diarrhea and which could quickly overwhelm the limited bathroom facilities in the area; and tuberculosis,

ground for mold. Some protesters urinate in bottles, or occasionally a water-cooler jug, to avoid the lines at public restrooms. Food, from orange peels to scrambled eggs, is often discarded outside tents.

"I'm amazed that in a park full of revolutionaries, there are large contingents that can't throw away their own trash," said Jordan McCarthy, 22, a member of the protesters' sanitation team.

Demonstrators do maintain a medical tent, filled mostly with over-the-counter medications and alternative treatments, like herbal remedies.

Some have spotted shamans walking the premises, Carey said, although licensed doctors and nurses often take volunteer shifts in the tent as well. Some strap flashlights to their heads, like workers in a mine shaft, because the site becomes so dark at night. □

Abuse scandal shatters a true U.S. football legend

STATE COLLEGE, Pennsylvania (AP) — Angry crowds took to the streets this week to protest fallout from a child sex abuse scandal that exploded on a college campus, throwing rocks, trying to light vehicles on fire and tearing down street signs.

Their anger was not at the scandal itself, in which a former assistant coach for the Penn State football team was charged with sexually abusing eight boys over a 15-year period — at times in the team's locker room.

Rather, the students were upset at the university's decision to fire 84-year-old Joe Paterno, the most revered college football coach in America. Officials said he didn't do enough when he first learned of the abuse.

The students shouted, "We want Joe back!" and "One more game!" They clashed with 100 police wearing helmets and carrying pepper spray. Witnesses said rocks and bottles were thrown and a news van was knocked over, its windows kicked out.

The response appalled some observers, and a lawyer for some of the assistant coach's accusers worried that his clients would be turned into scapegoats by angry fans.

"These sexual assault victims are now watching people parade and riot around the streets," said attorney Ben Andreozzi. "Now you have a football institution crumbling, and to think that is not in some way going to impact these victims is naive."

Wednesday night's firing of Paterno brought down not just some aging head of a football program, but the architect of a national image that tapped a nostalgia for simpler, more clean-cut sport.

Penn State has one of the country's largest and most loyal fan bases, drawing more than 100,000 people to its home games in State College, a community of less than 40,000 with the nickname Happy Valley. As in college towns across the



Students lie down in the streets after being told to move as police in riot gear patrol the area, in State College, Pa., late Wednesday night, Nov. 9, 2011, after the firing of Penn State football coach Joe Paterno. In the wake of a sexual abuse scandal, Coach Joe Paterno was fired and the university president Graham Spanier was removed Wednesday night.

(Richard Perry/The New York Times)

country, game days are an event, part beer bash and part reunion. The team's success also brought in millions of dollars in television broadcast rights, merchandising and more.

And Paterno won more games than any other major college football coach in America. He spent 46 years leading the Penn State team, and he took pride in doing it honestly. He appeared to steer the football program away from the pitfalls of American college sports, including academic cheating to meet the required grades to keep star athletes in school and payoffs to players or their families. A motto: "Success With Honor." But as the allegations that the team's former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky molested eight young boys between 1994 and 2009 emerged, so did concerns that they had been hushed up or ignored to protect a storied sports program and its iconic coach.

The incident that seems to have brought down Paterno occurred in 2002, when then-graduate assistant and current assistant coach Mike McQueary said he saw Sandusky sodomizing a 10-year-old boy in the football team's

showers.

McQueary told Paterno. Paterno told the athletic director, Tim Curley, and a vice president, Gary Schultz, who in turn told Penn State President Graham

Spanier.

But authorities weren't alerted until 2009, when another boy reported Sandusky's behavior. A grand jury report details other alleged victims, and even

witnesses. One locker room janitor said he saw Sandusky performing oral sex on another boy, who was pinned against the wall, in 2000.

Sandusky, who spent three decades on the Penn State staff before retiring in 1999, has denied the charges.

Curley and Schultz have been charged with failing to report the incident to authorities. Prosecutors have not ruled out charges against Spanier.

Paterno is not a target of the criminal investigation, but the state police commissioner called his failure to contact police himself a lapse in "moral responsibility." The scandal has shocked Americans and prompted parallels to the child sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church, whose hierarchy for decades covered up widespread child abuse by priests. In a statement Wednesday, Paterno said he was "absolutely devastated" by the abuse case.

"This is a tragedy," Paterno said. □

Tropical storm Sean strengthens, nears Bermuda

MIAMI (AP) — Tropical Storm Sean strengthened as it moved over the Atlantic toward Bermuda on Thursday, kicking up choppy surf and gusty winds on the British island.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Sean had maximum sustained winds of 65 mph (100 kph). It was about 285 miles (459 kilometers) west-southwest of Bermuda and moving northeast at 13 mph (21 kph). The storm's center was expected to pass northwest of Bermuda on Friday morning. A tropical storm warning was in effect for Bermuda, with storm conditions predicted to begin Thursday night. Sean was expected to produce 1 to 3 inches (2.5 to 7.6 centimeters) of rainfall there. Swells generated by the storm also were affecting



This NOAA satellite image shows Tropical Storm Sean at about 450 miles southwest of Bermuda. Sean is moving toward the northwest near 5 mph with maximum sustained winds near 60 mph and higher gusts. Meanwhile, a trough of low pressure is over the eastern Caribbean Sea and supports scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms throughout the region. Isolated showers and thunderstorms also occur in the southwestern corner of the Caribbean due to the proximity of the monsoon trough.

(AP PHOTO)

the southeastern U.S. coast with life-threatening surf and rip currents.

Sean's approach caused little anxiety on Bermuda.

There was no sign of anyone lining up for storm supplies in shops and most people went about their day normally. □

Administration delays pipeline decision past 2012 election

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WASHINGTON—The Obama administration delayed its decision on the contested Keystone XL pipeline while it studies an alternate route through Nebraska, effectively pushing any action well past the 2012 election and into 2013, according to a State Department announcement Thursday afternoon.

The agency has been re-

generated intense opposition from environmentalists and public officials in Nebraska, who claim that it threatens sensitive lands and underground water supplies along its 1,700-mile route.

Critics also say that the heavy oil extracted from sand formations in Canada will add to global warming and extend U.S. dependence on fossil fuels.

The administration had in recent days been exploring



Demonstrators march with a replica of a pipeline during a protest to demand a stop to the Keystone XL tar sands oil pipeline outside the White House on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, in Washington.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

viewing the proposed project since 2008 to determine whether it is in the national interest.

"As a result of this process, particularly given the concentration of concerns regarding the environmental sensitivities of the current proposed route through the Sandhills area of Nebraska, the department has determined it needs to undertake an in-depth assessment of potential alternative routes in Nebraska," the statement said.

The proposed project by a pipeline company in Canada had put President Barack Obama in a political vise, squeezed between demands for secure energy sources and the thousands of jobs the project will bring, and the loud opposition of environmental advocates who have threatened to withhold electoral support next year if he approves it. The \$7 billion pipeline, which would run from Alberta to the Texas Gulf Coast, has

ways to put off the decision until after the presidential election, fearing further alienation of environmental and health advocates who consider the pipeline decision a test of the Obama administration's commitment to clean energy and air quality.

Environmental groups have expressed sharp disappointment with several recent administration environmental decisions, including the rejection of a tougher new smog standard proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency and a five-year offshore drilling plan that opens new areas in the Arctic and Gulf of Mexico to exploration. The statement said that the Sandhills region has a high concentration of wetlands of special concern, a sensitive ecosystem and extensive areas of shallow groundwater that could be put at risk in the event of a rupture in the 36-inch diameter

US soldier found guilty in Afghan thrill-killings

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Associated Press

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Washington (AP)

— A U.S. soldier accused of exhorting his underlings to slaughter three civilians for sport was convicted of murder, conspiracy and other charges Thursday in one of the most gruesome cases to emerge from the Afghan war. Staff Sgt. Calvin Gibbs was the highest ranking of five soldiers charged in the deaths of the unarmed men during patrols in Kandahar province early last year. At his seven-day court martial at Joint Base Lewis-

the antlers off a deer you'd shoot."

But he insisted he wasn't involved in the first or third killings, and in the second he merely returned fire.

Prosecutors said Gibbs and his co-defendants knew the victims posed no danger, but dropped weapons by their dead bodies to make them appear to have been combatants.

Three of the co-defendants pleaded guilty, and two of them testified against him, portraying him as an imposing, bloodthirsty leader. Gibbs' lawyer insisted they conspired to blame him for

convicting him. He faces, at minimum, life with parole, and at maximum life without it. The sentencing hearing began immediately after the verdict was announced, with Gibbs' lawyer, Phil Stackhouse, asking the jury for leniency on his behalf and noting that Gibbs could be eligible for parole after 10 years under a life sentence.

"He'd like you to know he has had failures in his life and he's had a lot of time to think about them," Stackhouse said. "He wants you to know he's not the same person he was in Afghanistan. He doesn't want his wife to have to raise their son on her own."

The investigation into the 5th Stryker Brigade unit exposed widespread misconduct — a platoon that was "out of control," in the words of a prosecutor, Maj. Robert Stelle. The wrongdoing included hash-smoking, the collection of illicit weapons, the mutilation and photography of Afghan remains, and the gang-beating of a soldier who reported the drug use. In all, 12 soldiers were charged; all but 2 have now been convicted.

The probe also raised questions about the brigade's permissive leadership culture and the Army's mechanisms for reporting misconduct.

After the first killing, one soldier, then-Spc. Adam Winfield, alerted his parents and told them more killings were planned, but his father's call to a sergeant at Lewis-McChord relaying the warning went unheeded. Winfield later pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the last killing, saying he took part because he believed Gibbs would kill him if he didn't.

The case against Gibbs relied heavily on testimony from former Spc. Jeremy Morlock, who is serving 24 years after admitting his involvement in all three killings. □



U.S. Army Spc. Michael Wagon, of Las Vegas, who has been accused of shooting at an Afghan noncombatant during a patrol in February 2010, in an effort to help another soldier cover up a murder, walks at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state, during a break in the court-martial of Staff Sgt. Calvin Gibbs, an Army staff sergeant accused of killing three Afghan civilians. Wagon is on the witness list for Gibbs' court-martial, but it is unknown if he will testify.

(AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

McChord south of Seattle, the 26-year-old acknowledged cutting fingers off corpses and yanking out a victim's tooth to keep as war trophies, "like keeping

what they had done and told the five jurors the case represented "the ultimate betrayal of an infantryman." The jury deliberated for about four hours before

After chef's Hitler remark, bankers change lunch plans

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NEW YORK — Del Posto and Babbo have the same celebrity chef as an owner, reputations for impossible-to-get reservations, and customers who can afford, say, Del Posto's seven-course "menu tradizionale" at \$145 a person. It is not unreasonable to imagine that a good number of those customers make a living on Wall Street. So their reaction after word spread Wednesday that Mario Batali had mentioned them in the same breath as Stalin and Hitler was to let their hefty wallets do the talking and threaten to cancel their hard-won reservations.

Some complained on Twitter, some on the Bloomberg terminals they use to follow the markets. A food website, Eater, said one investment bank had even circulated a memo saying

it would not reimburse receipts from Babbo or the other restaurants in Batali's group.

"The irony is that he has

made millions of dollars building a restaurant empire off the backs of Wall Street wealth," said a senior executive at a large invest-

ment bank who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters. The executive, who said he had eaten of-

ten at Babbo and Del Posto, said he would not go back to any restaurant that Batali was involved with.

Batali made the remarks at a Time magazine event Tuesday promoting its "Person of the Year" issue, which will appear next month. Time assembled a panel of celebrities to talk about who should be chosen Person of the Year and continue a tradition dating to 1927.

There, in comfortable tan chairs, were personalities like Brian Williams, the NBC News anchor; the law professor Anita Hill, who accused Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment 20 years ago; and Jesse Eisenberg, the actor who played the Facebook billionaire Mark Zuckerberg in the film "The Social Network." □



Mario Batali in New York. After word that Batali had mentioned them in the same breath as Stalin and Hitler, many Wall Street executives threatened to cancel their hard-won reservations at the celebrity chef's restaurants.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

Nuke regulator on safety

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Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — The United States' top nuclear safety regulator warned power companies against complacency Thursday and said the agency must push ahead with new rules prompted by a nuclear crisis in Japan. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Gregory Jaczko made the remarks at a meeting of industry leaders after what has been a turbulent year for the nuclear power sector. In March, damage from an earthquake and tsunami caused nuclear meltdowns at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant in Japan, spewing radiation into the environment and causing widespread evacuations. "The Fukushima accident is clearly one of the most significant events in the history of nuclear power," Jaczko said in prepared remarks. "It is critical that we take prompt, decisive and effective action to make the needed safety changes." Natural disasters have also recently struck nuclear plants in

the United States, although none triggered a crisis. The North Anna plant in Virginia shut down when an Aug. 23 earthquake caused peak ground movement about twice the level for which the plant was designed. No major damage has been identified. Other U.S. reactors were threatened by flooding in the Midwest and contended with tornado damage in the Southeast. Jaczko said the NRC has conducted more special inspections in the past year than at any time in recent memory.

"These developments, of course, are concerning for the specific plants involved, but we all should be on guard to the possibility that they could be indicative

of broader issues for the industry," Jaczko said in his address to the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations. His speech was closed to the public at the request of the trade group.

Jaczko told reporters that the NRC will make a decision in the coming months on projects that would become the first nuclear plants to win permission to build in a generation. He said the NRC will decide whether to approve the latest design of Westinghouse Electric Co.'s AP1000 nuclear reactor. Once that reactor is approved, the commissioners could then decide whether to allow Southern Co. to build two AP1000 reactors at Plant Vogtle in Georgia. □

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Woman who killed husband sentenced to 5 years

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NEW YORK — A Queens woman who killed her husband after suffering years of abuse at his hands was sentenced Thursday to five years in prison, less than the maximum sentence of 15 years but short of her request for further leniency. The woman, Barbara Sheehan, shot her husband, Raymond Sheehan, 11 times in their home in February 2008; although she used two guns, she claimed that she fired in self-defense after he had first threatened her life with one of the guns. Sheehan was acquitted of murder but convicted of gun possession — the second gun that she used that day.

During a one-month trial that cast a spotlight on domestic violence, Sheehan and her children testified that she had faced years of relentless abuse, including having a phone smashed in her face when she tried to call 911. But the prosecution argued that she was a manipulative liar who had killed her husband, a former police sergeant, to escape an unhappy marriage, and claimed abuse only to escape justice.

Acting Justice Barry Kron of State Supreme Court in Queens acknowledged that the trial underscored the cumulative toll of nearly two decades of domestic abuse, but he said the sentence had to reflect the crime committed during the course of the killing. "Raymond Sheehan was not the person on trial," he said.

Jurors found Sheehan guilty of gun possession because she had used the weapon after he no longer posed a danger, since she had already shot him several



Barbara Sheehan, who shot her husband, Raymond Sheehan 11 times but was acquitted of his murder, outside the Queens Supreme Court, in New York, Nov. 10, 2011. Sheehan was sentenced on Thursday to five years in prison on a gun charge related to the killing of her husband.

(Uli Seit/The New York Times)

times with a different gun. Before the sentence was given, Linda Sheehan, the

wife of Raymond Sheehan's twin brother, Vincent, urged the judge to remem-

ber that Barbara Sheehan was the criminal, not the victim in this case. She said Barbara Sheehan had killed her husband for selfish reasons, had manipulated the facts and had not once expressed remorse for what she had done.

"We are heartbroken that the jury lost sight of the real victim in this crime; it was not Barbara Sheehan," she said, shaking. "It was Raymond Sheehan. She took the life of Raymond Sheehan, the only victim."

As Linda Sheehan spoke, Barbara Sheehan showed no emotion, at one point looking directly at Vincent Sheehan. When the judge asked her if she wanted to speak, she said quietly:

"I've said numerous times I am sorry what this incident has done to me and my family. I am sorry for what happened."

Prosecutors had asked for a "substantial" sentence. Debra Pomodore, an assistant district attorney, told the judge that Sheehan had been "smug" throughout the trial and had shown "not one scintilla of remorse." "This was not a victimless crime," she said.

Referring to the second gun Sheehan fired at her husband, Pomodore said, "She used that gun and fired it six times into a man lying on the bathroom floor who was disabled and not able to do anything but scream." □

Suicide tweets point to abuse

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Ashley Billasano kept the pain locked inside her for years, allowing only a handful of people closest to her to have a glimpse. On Monday, the 18-year-old Rosenberg high school student let it all out in a torrent of messages on Twitter — the sexual abuse that she said ruined what should have been some of the best years of her life, her inability to see justice done on her behalf. Then she killed herself. Friends say the suffering and depressed Billasano decided to make her death count for something even as her life became unbearable. Her burst of 144 tweets, which took place over six hours and ended shortly before she took her life through suffocation, recounted the sexual abuse at the hands of a family member and other adults, and the frustra-



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tion that arose when authorities failed to bring charges. "This wasn't random," said Ashly Escamilla, her classmate and closest friend. "She planned this for a reason. She made a decision that this was what she was going to do to get attention if she was not going to get justice." Billa-

sano, known as Billy to her good friends, always had a sense of theater. It was why she and Escamilla would sometimes dress up as Batman and Robin for a late-night taco run. And it was why she was supposed to be in the upcoming musical production *Hairspray* put on by the drama class-

es at B.F. Terry High School. Now Escamilla is without the friend she said was closer than a sister, the special and caring person she instantly befriended last year in what she later described as a magical moment. Billasano had moved to Rosenberg to live with her mother after the allegations of abuse became known to the family. In no time at all, the two girls were, in their words, like "peas and carrots." Shortly before she died, Billasano gave the "other" Ashly two of her glow-in-the-dark stars to put on the ceiling of her room. The stars were to remind Escamilla of their friendship before she went to sleep at night. "She wanted justice from the very beginning," Escamilla said. "She said police and CPS acted like it was nothing. She said it was like they did not want to believe her." □



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Huge Alaska storm passes, leaves widespread damage

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— A massive storm that battered Alaska's western coast with hurricane-strength winds and towering sea surges has passed out of the region in a much weaker state, leaving behind widespread damage and a missing man who may have been swept out to a churning sea.

So far, 37 communities have reported some form of damage, said Jeremy Zidek, spokesman for the state's emergency management agency. The strongest storm to hit the state in four decades also left behind tales of human endurance.

In one remote village that lost heat and power early Wednesday, about 20 vehicles lined up along an air strip and used their headlights to guide in a plane carrying repair workers. Other residents came together and did traditional Eskimo dances used during whaling season to seek good weather.

On Thursday, rescuers searched for a 26-year-old man who authorities said may have been washed into the Bering Sea during the storm.

Kyle Komok of Teller was last seen on Wednesday afternoon as he headed toward a jetty where waves were cresting as high as 10 feet (3 meters), Alaska State Troopers said.

Emergency responders called the storm an epic event that displaced residents, flooded the shoreline, ripped up roofs and knocked out power in scores of villages.

Officials said Thursday the process of gauging the full extent of the damage will begin soon. They noted some of the hardest-hit

communities are in areas where winter daylight comes late in the day and mornings are in pitch darkness.

Forecasters said another storm is stepping in to replace the tempest, but the new storm is much weaker. It is expected to bring winds ranging from 20 mph (32 kph) to 40 mph (64 kph), said National Weather Service meteorologist Don Moore.

In comparison, the storm that pounded the Bering Sea coast this week carried gusts of nearly 90 mph (145 kph) and created tides as high as 10 feet (3 meters) above normal.

Though far less powerful, the new storm will keep water levels from receding as quickly, Moore said.

Communities hard hit include the northwest Alaska villages of Point Hope, built on a large gravel spit, and Kivalina, one of the most

eroded communities in the state.

Point Hope Mayor Steve Oomittuk said homes in the Inupiat Eskimo community

have been without electricity and heat since early Wednesday, after winds gusting at 80 mph (128 kph) slammed an old wooden

shack into a power pole with five main lines, cutting it in half. The building then broke apart, sending wood flying. □



A fishing boat that sank in a boat harbor is shown in Nome, Alaska, Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011. A massive storm that battered Alaska's western coast with hurricane-strength winds and towering sea surges has passed out of the region in a much weaker state, leaving behind widespread damage and a missing man who may have been swept out to a churning sea.

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Featured is a sample of the Zetas MySpace Layout. Mexico's hyperviolent Zetas drug cartel appears to be launching what may be one of the first campaigns by an organized crime group to silence commentary on the Internet.

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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's hyperviolent Zetas

drug cartel appears to be launching what may be one of the first campaigns by an organized crime

group to silence commentary on the Internet. The cartel has already attacked rivals, journalists and other perceived enemies.

Now, the target is an on-line chat room, Nuevo Laredo en Vivo, that allows users to comment on the activities of the Zetas and

others in the city on the border with Texas.

Already, three apparent site users have been slain, and a fourth victim may have been discovered Wednesday, when a man's decapitated body was found with what residents said was a banner suggesting he was killed for posting

on the site. Chat room users said they could not immediately confirm the victim's identity, because people all post under aliases.

Despite such precautions, users are highly vulnerable, and the Zetas could be tracking them from clues they leave online, experts said Thursday. □

Annan calls global food crisis a moral failing

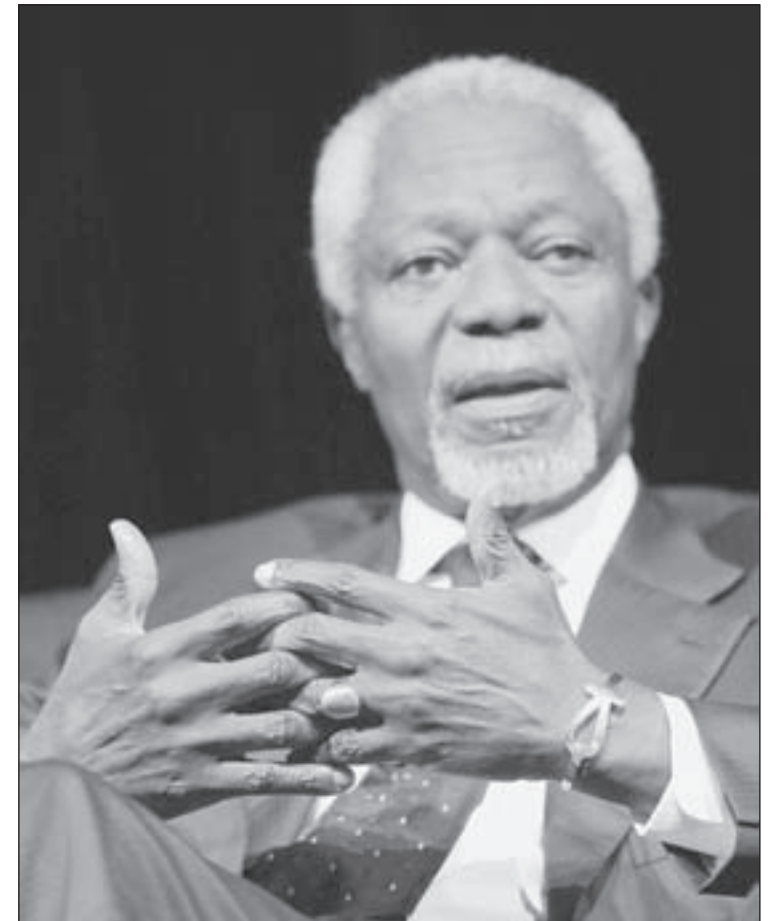
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Associated Press

AP — Former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan criticized world leaders Thursday for failing to take bold action on climate change, which he said threatens to worsen the food crisis that has already left a billion people hungry.

Speaking at Stanford University, the Nobel Peace Prize winner said rising temperatures and rainwater shortages are having a devastating effect on food production. Failing to address the problem will have repercussions on health, security and stability, he warned. "Yet so far, our generation — my generation — of leaders, including those here in the United States, have failed to find the vision or courage to tackle it," Annan said. "This lack of long-term collective vision and leadership is inexcusable."

Annan said the food crisis is an unconscionable moral failing and a brake on overall development.

He said the need for a universal and fair framework to address climate change is imperative. Without such



Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary-General, speaks about climate change and food security Thursday Nov. 10, 2011. Annan criticized world leaders for failing to take bold action on climate change, which he said threatens to worsen the food crisis that has already left a billion people hungry.

(AP Photo/Mike Adaskaveg)

action, "the result will be mass migration, growing food shortages, loss of social cohesion and even political instability," he said. The bulk of Annan's keynote

address to about 1,400 people addressed making the link between climate change and food supply and imploring action on that front. □



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Activists: 21 killed across Syria

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BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian security forces raided homes and clashes erupted between soldiers and army defectors Thursday, killing at least 21 people across the country, including an 8-year-old girl and six soldiers, activists said. In some of the attacks, security forces opened fire as they conducted raids in areas including the suburbs of the capital, Damascus, Deir el-Zour, Hama and Homs, which has emerged as the epicenter of the uprising. An 8-year-old girl was among the victims in Homs, said Rami Abdul-Rahman, head of the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. There also were reports of fighting between army defectors and soldiers near the eastern city of Deir el-Zour and near Maaret al-Numan, a town on the highway linking Damascus and the major city of Aleppo.

The death toll Thursday

was reported by the observatory and the Local Coordinating Committees, an activist coalition. The U.N. estimates some 3,500 people have been killed in the Syrian crackdown since the uprising against the authoritarian rule of President Bashar Assad began eight months ago,

inspired by the revolutions in Egypt and Tunisia. On Wednesday, Navi Pillay, the U.N. human rights chief, said an increasing number of Syrian soldiers are defecting, raising the risk of a Libya-style civil war. "Where basic human rights are trampled and peaceful demands for change met

by brutal violence, people are eventually compelled to have recourse to rebellion against tyranny and oppression," Pillay told the U.N. Security Council. In Washington, State Department spokesman Mark Toner said the protesters should avoid turning violent because

that "only gives the Syrian government a moral hand."

It is difficult to gauge how many people have defected from the army and what kind of threat they pose to the regime. Although the crackdown has led to broad international isolation for Assad, he appears to have a firm grip on power, retaining the loyalty of most of the armed forces.

Assad, and his father who ruled Syria before him, stacked key security and military posts with members of their minority Alawite sect over the past 40 years, ensuring loyalty by melding the fate of the army and the regime. As a result, the army leadership will likely protect the regime at all costs, for fear it will be persecuted if the country's Sunni majority gains the upper hand. Most of the army defectors so far appear to be lower-level Sunni conscripts.



Syrian protesters prevent Abdul-Aziz al-Khair, a member of the Syrian National Coordination Committee, second from left, and other opposition leaders from entering the Arab League headquarters where they were to hold talks with the organization's chief on violence in Syria, in Cairo, Egypt, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011.

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US condemns Sudan bombings of southern refugees



Mohamed Ahmed, 21, holds her new born child at the El Fasher Women's Hospital in North Darfur, Sudan

(AP Photo)

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States called Sudan's airborne bomb attack on a refugee camp in South Sudan abhorrent and outrageous and said those responsible must be held accountable. In a statement by press secretary Jay Carney condemning the attack, President Barack Obama's administration said those responsible must be held accountable.

"This abhorrent attack follows other aerial bombardments undertaken by the Sudan Armed Forces on Nov. 8 near the international border," the statement said. "These provocative aerial bombardments greatly increase the potential for direct confrontation between Sudan and South Sudan." The United States "demands the government

of Sudan halt aerial bombardments immediately" and urged South Sudan to exercise restraint in answering the attack. After five decades of on-again, off-again civil war, South Sudan's black African population won independence from the Arab north in July under an agreement that allowed South Sudanese to vote on the question. Final boundaries have not been accepted by both sides, largely because much of Sudan's oil wealth is south of the current line.

A South Sudan official initially reported deaths in the bombing run over the camp filled with more than 20,000 war refugees, but an American activist who spoke to aid workers at the camp later said there were no casualties. □

Liberia's President wins boycotted runoff vote

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MONROVIA, Liberia — Election officials Thursday announced that Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Africa's only female president, had been re-elected by an overwhelming margin this week in a runoff vote marred by an opposition boycott.

Johnson Sirleaf won 90.8 percent of the vote in a low-turnout election, easily

fore the voting over what he claimed was fraud in the first round of elections. Independent election observers found no evidence of serious irregularities in either the first or second round of voting, and Tubman's motives for pulling out remained unclear. Both the Carter Center and monitors from Ecowas, the regional grouping of West African states, pronounced both votes generally free

Tubman's strategy proved provocative in a country that has been through decades of political violence. On Monday, his supporters clashed with Liberian police officers, who responded with tear gas and live ammunition, killing at least one of the protesters.

The Carter Center, calling Tubman's claims "unsubstantiated," said the election was "well-administered," and it criticized Johnson Sirleaf's opponents for spoiling the vote.

Their "decision to boycott essentially denied the Liberian people a genuine choice within a competitive electoral process," the center said in a statement Thursday. Only 37.4 percent of eligible voters cast a ballot, about half the number who voted in the first round on Oct. 11, when 16 candidates were running. The low turnout and political unrest could leave the president vulnerable to claims that she does not hold a clear mandate going into her second term.

Johnson Sirleaf came out on top in the first round of voting in October, shortly after having been named the joint winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize for her efforts in stabilizing a country torn by over a decade of civil war. □



Opposition party supporters gather around a radio to hear the announcement of presidential election results, as they sit in front of their home in Monrovia, Liberia Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011. Africa's first and only female president handily won re-election Thursday with 90.2 percent of the vote, but her victory has been rendered hollow and her government may struggle to prove its legitimacy because the opposition boycotted the poll.

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defeating Winston Tubman, a former U.N. diplomat who said he was withdrawing from the race only days be-

and fair. Analysts said Johnson Sirleaf's opponent had been likely to lose, boycott or not.

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Monti leading Italy would calm nerves

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ROME (AP) — Expectations that respected economist Mario Monti will lead a new interim Italian government helped calm market fears that the country was heading for a Greek-style crisis that would threaten the existence of the entire eurozone. With a groundswell of Italian politicians voicing support for a technocratic government led by the former European Union competition commissioner, confidence grew that the transition of power from Premier Silvio Berlusconi will be swift. As in Greece, where economist Lucas Papademos was appointed prime minister Thursday, there are hopes that Monti's experience in global finance and his noninvolvement in partisan politics will help the country through market turbulence. Italy's 10-year borrowing rate slid sharply Thursday back toward levels that are considered manageable — for now. On Wednesday, the rise in the 10-year bond yield to well over 7 percent stoked panic in financial markets that Italy was heading the same way as Greece, Ireland and Portugal and might need outside help. Monti, 68, has become favorite to lead Italy out the financial morass after being named a senator for life by President Giorgio Napolitano who, as head of state, will name the next premier. Napolitano assured skittish investors that Berlusconi will step down, as promised, after reforms are passed — likely by Saturday. Monti arrived at the Quirinal presidential palace Thursday evening for a meeting that Napolitano's office described as a "courtesy visit." "Professor Mario Monti wanted to express his heartfelt thanks" to the president for being named a lifetime senator, the palace said in a one-line statement. □

In new testimony, James Murdoch blames underlings

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LONDON (AP) — He didn't see. He wasn't told. He didn't know.

Called back to Britain's Parliament after former News Corp. employees challenged his credibility, senior executive James Murdoch insisted he'd been kept in the dark about widespread phone hacking at his now-defunct News of the World tabloid, blaming two of his senior lieutenants for failing to warn him of the paper's culture of criminality.

"None of these things were mentioned to me," he told an often-skeptical House of Commons' media committee. Over more than two-and-a-half hours of questioning, Murdoch stuck to that line. "It was not shown to me," he said of an explosive email which implicated one of his top reporters in phone hacking.

"It didn't occur to me to probe further," he said when quizzed about the legal advice his subordinates had supplied him.

"It didn't seem necessary for me to ask for a copy,"



News Corp. executive James Murdoch, left, is driven away from a drive-in entrance at Portcullis House after his second appearance before British parliamentarians investigating the country's phone hacking scandal in London, Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011. Murdoch insisted on Thursday he wasn't told the whole truth about phone hacking at the News of the World, blaming subordinates for keeping him in the dark about the extent of wrongdoing at his company's flagship Sunday tabloid.

(AP Photo)

he said of a seven-page document warning of overwhelming evidence of illegal behavior at his company. Speaking quickly and confidently, Murdoch laid the blame at the door of former News of the World Editor Colin Myler and former in-house lawyer Tom Crone, both of whom resigned soon after the scandal broke earlier this year. Over the past few months, the pair have challenged

the credibility of their former boss, accusing the 38-year-old News Corp. executive of not telling the truth when he claimed they never told him about the incriminating email back in 2008.

Murdoch made one important concession to their version of events — acknowledging that he'd been briefed on the incriminating email back in 2008 — but insisted that its importance was kept from him.

"What never happened is Mr. Crone and Mr. Myler showing me the relevant evidence, explaining to me the relevant evidence — and its relevance — or talking about wider spread criminality," Murdoch said. "That simply did not happen."

In a statement, Crone attacked Murdoch's testimony, insisting that he hadn't misled lawmakers.

"At best, his evidence on the matter was disingenuous," he said of Murdoch's comments. He did not immediately return calls seeking further comment.

Myler's telephone number is unlisted, and a letter sent to him more than a month ago has gone unanswered. Murdoch did find support for his story after his testimony finished. Neville Thurlbeck, a former chief reporter at the paper who was arrested on suspicion of phone hacking and later released, told Channel 4 News that he had compiled a dossier of evidence, including audio recordings, that would exonerate himself and support Murdoch's version of events. □



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Sales on Thanksgiving anger some consumers

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For the first time in years, Michelle Nyberg probably will not be standing in line when stores open for their Black Friday sales.

She still loves a good deal – last year she spent a couple of thousand dollars on markdowns that day, the Friday after Thanksgiving – but Nyberg says that she does not want retailers to ruin the holiday for her or their own employees.

Nyberg is drawing the line now that major stores like Target, Macy's, Best Buy and Kohl's say they will open for the first time at midnight on Thanksgiving, and Walmart stores will go even further, with a 10 p.m. Thanksgiving start for deals on some merchandise.

Retailers, eager to be the first to draw customers on one of the biggest shopping days of the year, are pulling the equivalent of the Republican primary shuffle by opening earlier and earlier than competitors. Last year, a few stores, including Toys "R" Us, pushed into Thanksgiving. But judging by the fierce reaction among dedicated Friday-after-Thanksgiving shoppers on blogs, Twitter and Facebook, the wave of midnight openings this year has crossed a line. Part of the objection is inconvenience. Shoppers say that to be at or near the front of the line, they will now have to leave home hours earlier – in the middle of the turkey dinner for some. But the wider push-back reflects sentiments like those of the Occupy Wall Street movement, including a growing attention to the rights of workers and a wariness of decisions by big business. Either way, many in the shop-till-you-drop crowd have had enough with Black Friday creep.

"I just don't think that's good business, in a sense, to make your employees come in on one of the biggest holidays of the year and cut their family time short," said Nyberg, 31, a saleswoman in Villa Rica, Ga., for a molecular biology company. "With the economy the way it is, no

one's going to say, 'I'm not going to do that, I'm going to quit or get fired over it.'" One retail executive sounded sad about the decision to open earlier. Brian Dunn, the chief executive of Best Buy, said that the midnight opening "became an operating imperative for us" after competitors moved their openings back.

said Bill Gentner, senior vice president of marketing. Still, some of the big retailers making the switch said that the response from workers and customers had been positive.

"There are many associates who would prefer to work this time as they appreciate the flexibility it affords their schedules for the holiday

guests that they are excited."

But even with increased pay, some retail workers said in interviews that the holiday hours were a raw deal.

Anthony Hardwick, 29, who works at a Target store in Omaha, Neb., said he will have to leave Thanksgiving dinner with his fiancée's

day itself, but "cutting into our holidays is just a step too far."

"Even though it's a desperate time doesn't mean that we should trade all the ground that our fathers and our grandfathers, everyone that came before us, fought really hard for," he said.

The concern among customers about retailer workers recalls an earlier era, when consumer advocates encouraged people to consider the impact of their shopping on sales clerks, said Lawrence B. Glickman, the chairman of the history department at the University of South Carolina.

In the late 19th century, as labor organizers pushed for eight-hour days and holidays off, consumer advocates told shoppers to "watch out for their complicity in the exploitation of workers through shopping" he said. That sentiment faded after the 1930s, he said, as consumer advocacy focused more on protecting shoppers.

For shoppers themselves – and the stores hoping to profit from them – the rush to midnight could have unintended consequences.

Last year, for instance, a savvy shopper could be in the Toys "R" Us line for its 10 p.m. opening Thanksgiving Day, then line up at Walmart to get a wrist band at 2 a.m. that assured a place in line for its sales starting at 5. In between, the shopper could swing by Kohl's at 3, and Target or Macy's at 4, and perhaps finish with Best Buy after its 5 a.m. opening.

"This year, people are going to have to pick and choose what store they're going to leave behind," said Jennifer Carr, 30, a stay-at-home mom in Jonesboro, Ga. She regularly hits the Friday sales, but says she is reconsidering that this year.

Wal-Mart said in a statement that "customers told us they would rather stay up late to shop than get up early." But like Carr, many dedicated Black Friday shoppers say they are rethinking shopping on that day altogether. □



Abby Rezac wears a sweater her family made for holiday shopping outside a Target in Lincoln, Neb.. Major retailers like Target and WalMart are moving toward earlier starting times for Thanksgiving sales, but some consumers and store workers see the move as infringing on family time.

(Brian Lehmann/The New York Times)



Jill Paffrath, right, stands with her family wearing holiday shopping sweaters outside a Target in Lincoln, Neb.

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"I feel terrible," he said. A handful of retailers are holding out, like JC Penney, which will open at its usual 4 a.m. Friday.

"We wanted to give our associates Thanksgiving Day to spend with their families,"

weekend," Holly Thomas, a Macy's spokeswoman, wrote in an email.

Target spokesman Antoine LaFromboise said that employees will get holiday pay for Thanksgiving work, and "we've heard from our

family to sleep before starting a Target shift around 11 p.m. on Thanksgiving, followed Friday by a shift at his other job, at OfficeMax.

Hardwick says he is glad to have a job and does not mind the early hours on Fri-



Paseo Herencia honors Aruban athletes from the Dutch National Baseball Team



PALM BEACH - Paseo Herencia Shopping Center was very proud to host an official honoring of two young Aruban athletes, Xander Bogaerts and Shawn Zaragoza, who played shortstop and catcher, respectively, for the victorious National Baseball team of the Netherlands, when they competed in the International Baseball Federation (IBAF) Championship title in Panama last month. It was a particularly exhilarating moment for Holland and Aruba when the Dutch National Team made baseball

history by winning the World Cup; it was the first time since 1938 that a European team had taken the title, wresting it from the powerhouse team of Cuba, which had dominated the competition for the past 26 years. Considered the top team in Europe and sixth in the world by the IBAF, the Netherlands Team boasts quite a few excellent players originating from Aruba and Curacao, where baseball, could be considered one of the great national sports.

Aruba has had some memorable landmark moments in the sport, as the island's Little League team is this year's Caribbean Champions, Junior League-last year and this year's Latin Regional Champions and Senior League the 2010 World Series and this year's Latin Regional Championships. There was great enthusiasm and attendance for Shawn and Xander having their pictures ensconced on Paseo Herencia's "Wall of Fame," which occupies a special place in the corridors of the

shopping center. Minister of Public Health and Sport, Dr. Richard Visser, was in attendance to present Shawn and Xander trophies of appreciation on behalf of the Aruban Government for again placing Aruba in the international spotlight for exceptional achievement. The Minister and Paseo Herencia appreciate the role models these young men and others present to island youth, demonstrating the world-class success that can be achieved with determination, dedication

and discipline. Proud family and friends joined the players for this touching event, as did three mini and Little League teams, Infinity, Benjamin Security and White Sharks. The youngsters and their coaches were thrilled to meet these admirable young to have them autograph hats, shirts and bats, which they did with enthusiasm, while advising to them to "work hard at sports, but even more importantly, hit the books, study and perform well in school, and you will be sure to go far!" □

Antoinette D'Angelo honored as Good Will Ambassador

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tuary, there was a children's party going on, and the kids were allowed to name us. My mom was named Chica; she is still living at the shelter with me. This beautiful donkey has been provided with a chip, just like all the other donkeys. On the chip is information about the



something at the donkey shop or who make a donation. Thus they help support us. Everyone is welcome to visit the sanctuary, which has opening hours from 9 am until 4 pm and in the weekend from 10 am until 3. Entry is free of charge and one can enjoy a soft drink, a cup of coffee or a refreshing ice cream.

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donkey and its medical history. The donkeys at the sanctuary have a lot of friends with whom they can play all day long. And they love living there: they are well-cared for, they are fed and watered and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers for the sanctuary. The volunteers are trying to cover the various costs with all kinds of activities and the sale of great donkey memorabilia in the shop. Fortunately, there are also visitors who wish to adopt a donkey, who buy

Valero Energy Corp. Reports Operating Results (10-Q)

Valero Energy Corp. (VLO) filed Quarterly Report for the period ended 2011-09-30. Valero Energy Corp. has a market cap of \$15.06 billion; its shares were traded at around \$26.33 with a P/E ratio of 5.7 and P/S ratio of 0.2.

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umes between the two periods related to our refining segment operations. The higher throughput volumes resulted primarily from the incremental throughput of 178,000 barrels per day1 (\$3.0 billion of revenue) from the Pembroke Refinery, which was acquired on August 1, 2011, and throughput of 182,000 barrels per day (\$1.8 billion of revenue) from the Aruba Refinery, which restarted operations in January 2011. Both operating income and income from continuing operations before taxes increased \$1.4 billion for the third quarter of 2011 compared to amounts reported for the third quarter of 2010 primarily due to a \$1.4 billion increase in refining segment operating income discussed below.

Cost of sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 includes a loss of \$542 million (\$352 million after taxes) on commodity derivative contracts related to forward sales of refined products.

These contracts were closed and realized during the first quarter of 2011. The \$542 million loss is reflected in refining segment operating income, resulting in an \$0.85 reduction in refining throughput margin per barrel for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, and is allocated to refining operating income by region, excluding the North Atlantic, based on relative throughput

volumes for each region as follows: Gulf Coast- \$372 million, or \$0.96 per barrel; Mid-Continent- \$122 million, or \$1.11 per barrel; and West Coast- \$48 million, or \$0.69 per barrel.

Operating revenues increased 52 percent (or \$31.2 billion) for the first nine months of 2011 compared to the first nine months of 2010 primarily as a result of higher refined product prices and higher throughput volumes between the two periods related to our refining segment operations. The higher throughput volumes resulted primarily from the incremental throughput of 60,000 barrels per day1 (\$3.0 billion of revenue) from the Pembroke Refinery, which was acquired on August 1, 2011, and throughput of 161,000 barrels per day (\$4.2 billion of revenue) from the Aruba Refinery, which restarted operations in January 2011. Operating income increased \$2.0 billion and income from continuing operations before taxes increased \$2.1 billion for the first nine months of 2011 compared to amounts reported for the first nine months of 2010 primarily due to a \$2.0 billion increase in refining segment operating income discussed below.

Refining segment operating income more than doubled (a \$2.0 billion increase) from \$1.5 billion for the first nine months of 2010 to \$3.5 billion for the first nine months of 2011.



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The New-York Historical Society's center of gravity

EDWARD ROTHSTEIN

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NEW YORK – The three-year, \$70 million remodeling of the New-York Historical Society is not just a cosmetic affair. That is clear the moment you approach the main entrance's widened steps on Central Park West and see a bronze, life-size statue of Abraham Lincoln standing in casual welcome.

Lincoln is on the steps, among us, prepared for photo ops that will likely disrupt pedestrian traffic during Friday's reopening of the renovated institution. And around the corner, Frederick Douglass poses in bronze near the society's other major entrance.

But why Lincoln and Douglass? Neither had anything to do with the society's founding in 1804. Neither was born in New York. And while Lincoln visited and Douglass lived here for a time, they appear now for a particular purpose. They are making a statement about the society's vision. They are key figures in the abolition of slavery in the United States, representing both the democratic ideal and the struggles required to realize it.

And these are also central themes in a conceptual reconfiguration of the society that began in 2004, when Louise Mirror became its president. In recent exhibitions, current displays and a high-tech introductory film being shown in the new state-the-art auditorium, slavery has been placed close to the narrative center of U.S. history.

So have the tensions between the ideals and failings of U.S. democracy. The failings are chronicled and the ideals championed with great energy. Both condemnations and celebrations are partly populist, partly the result of an increased attention to New York's ethnically diverse past, partly a desire to expand the audience, and partly an intellectual enterprise. Some of the building's extensive



Visitors at the New-York Historical Society's new galleries, in New York, Nov. 8, 2011. The Historical Society returns to its home on Central Park West after a three-year renovation with inaugural exhibitions including "Revolution! The Atlantic World Reborn," a global look at 18th-century uprisings.

(Chang W. Lee/The New York Times)



A 1797 portrait of Jean-Baptiste Belley at the New-York Historical Society's new galleries, in New York, Nov. 8, 2011. The Historical Society returns to its home on Central Park West after a three-year renovation with inaugural exhibitions including "Revolution! The Atlantic World Reborn," a global look at 18th-century uprisings.

(Chang W. Lee/The New York Times)

renovations – which include a reconfiguring of display space, a new children's museum, an expansive entrance gallery and a new restaurant – are meant to resonate with those themes.

The society actually seems to have a new center of gravity. And you can feel the shifts underfoot as you enter. On occasion the result is an institutional pratfall (as in some aspects of the opening gallery); other times (as in many sections of a major new exhibition on the American,

French and Haitian Revolutions) they lead to powerful perspectives.

The change is also reflected in the self-consciously imposing building, constructed between 1903 and 1908, designed by York & Sawyer. The modifications by Platt Byard Dovell White Architects emphasize not monumental elevation but democratic accessibility, including a wider staircase and expanded entrance that lead into a new opening gallery, visible through transparent walls from Central Park West.

The atmosphere has also changed. The institution, which bills itself as New York's first museum, was established in order to chronicle the evolution of a new state in a new nation. Its staggeringly rich collection includes 1.6 million artworks, 2 million manuscripts, a million newspaper issues, along with furniture and artifacts like board games. In recent decades it has weathered several crises and expanded its holdings. Now, you enter the lobby, which has become the Robert H. and Clarice

Smith New York Gallery of American History, and see the artifacts of old-line pride transformed by populism.

Part of the gallery has a ceiling from Keith Haring's "Pop Shop," which sold his works. Embedded in the floor are 12 circular displays showing artifacts found by amateur archaeologists in New York, ranging from arrowheads to a drowned child's shoes.

And in a neighboring space the society's painting collection is plumbed to explore the evolution of "narrative art for a new democracy." The society's interest in ethnic history is reflected in a display of a Torah scroll deliberately damaged by British troops during the American Revolution.

The overall effect is at once dizzying, alluring and disorienting. In the opening gallery, for example, an array of objects called "New York Rising" is mounted on the wall mixing genre and type: paintings, busts, artifacts of daily life. But instead of being presented as icons of the American heritage, they seem to jostle against one another, sculptured heads hovering above weapons, paintings hung over broadsheets. We discover connections only when using enormous touch screens that show links to labels and commentary documenting the early years of the city. The presentation filters out intimations of hierarchy or solemnity in the objects.

I miss something in this approach, but it does inspire reflection. Unfortunately the playfulness is almost undone by a central object in the gallery, which is also the first thing you see as you enter. Originally shown in a society exhibition in 2006, "Liberty/Liberte" by Fred Wilson is constructed from objects in the collection. Busts of George Washington and Napoleon are perched behind the balustrade from the old Federal Hall, where Washington was inaugurated. □

PacMan, Marquez save best for last in fight trilogy

Manny Pacquiao, left, poses for photos with Juan Manuel Marquez during a news conference, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, in Las Vegas. Pacquiao and Marquez will battle for the WBO welterweight championship on Saturday.

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In this Aug. 17, 2011, file photo, Washington Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos looks up from the dugout at the end of the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds at Nationals Park in Washington.

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Venezuela vows all-out hunt for Nationals' Ramos

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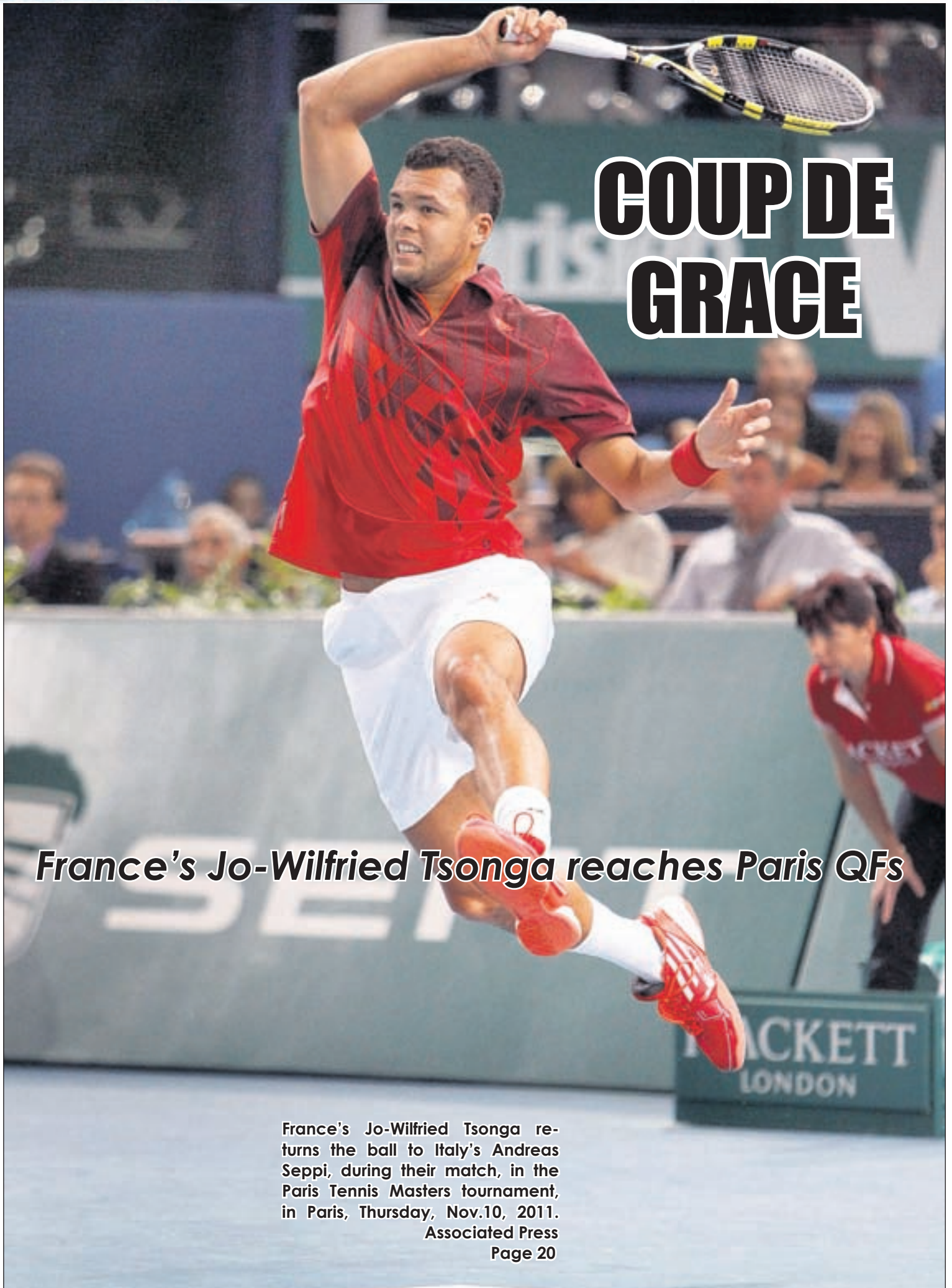
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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuela's government said Thursday it has sent its top investigators to solve the kidnapping of Washington Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos, a case that has shaken the nation's elite athletes and focused attention on the country's sharp rise in kidnappings for ransom. Police found the kidnappers' vehicle abandoned in a nearby town Thursday morning, said Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami, who called it "a very important find."

He said anti-kidnapping units led by "the best investigators we have" were dispatched to the area in central Carabobo state and he vowed to rescue Ramos and capture his abductors.

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COUP DE GRACE

France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga reaches Paris QFs

France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga returns the ball to Italy's Andreas Seppi, during their match, in the Paris Tennis Masters tournament, in Paris, Thursday, Nov.10, 2011.

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Woods tops leaderboard in Australia



U.S. golfer Tiger Woods plays a shot on the 12th fairway during the second round of the Australian Open golf tournament in Sydney, Australia, Friday, Nov. 11, 2011. Woods started the second round at 4 under the card.

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DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SYDNEY (AP) — Tiger Woods topped the leaderboard for the first time in nearly a year after a 5-under 67 on Friday in the Australian Open.

Woods ran off a string of impressive shots, the best a 3-wood from 280 yards into a 15 mph wind on the par-5 eighth to set up a two-putt birdie. He was at 9-under 135 and had a one-shot lead over Peter O'Malley. O'Malley, who had a 66, beat Woods in the opening round of the Match Play Championship nine years ago at La Costa.

If it holds through the afternoon, it would be the first time Woods has led after a round since the third round of the Chevron World Challenge last December. □



Phil Mickelson of the U.S. lines up his putt in the first round of the Singapore Open golf tournament at the Tanjong Course in Singapore Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011.

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Phil Mickelson elected to World Golf's Hall of Fame

ALEX KENNEDY

Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Four-time major champion Phil Mickelson was elected Thursday to the World Golf Hall of Fame, saying his enshrinement won't slow down his quest to reach 50 career victories.

Mickelson, who became eligible for the honor after turning 40 last year, received 72 percent of votes cast, the Hall of Fame said. "Being called a hall of fame golfer, it does make me sound a little bit old," Mickelson said in Singapore, where he is competing in the Singapore Open. "But I don't feel old. I feel like

I've got a lot of great golf ahead of me."

Mickelson has won 39 tournaments since turning professional in 1992, including three Masters titles and a PGA Championship. He has been ranked No. 2 in the world several times, though he has slipped to No. 11 after winning only one tournament so far this year.

Mickelson said his biggest goals for the rest of his career are to win at least 11 more tournaments, which would give him 50 victories, and win a U.S. Open and British Open.

Born in San Diego, Mickelson was a four-time All-American golfer at Arizona

State University.

"He is clearly one of the most exciting players ever to play the game," PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem said. "He's exactly what you like to see in a player. If everybody conducted themselves like Phil week in and week out, we'd be stronger yet."

To be elected to the Hall of Fame, golfers must receive at least 65 percent of votes cast by journalists, historians and golf dignitaries. After Mickelson, Fred Couples received the second most votes with 38 percent while Davis Love III and Mark O'Meara each received 29 percent. □

Beckham and Henry on MLS Best XI for the 1st time



Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder David Beckham, of England, acknowledges the fans as he walks off the field after the second game of an MLS soccer Western Conference semifinal against the New York Red Bulls at Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif., Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011. The Galaxy won 2-1.

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NEW YORK (AP) — David Beckham has been selected for the MLS Best XI for the first time, joining Los Angeles Galaxy teammates Landon Donovan, Omar Gonzalez and Todd Dunivant.

In the final season of a \$32.5 million, five-year contract, Beckham set his MLS highs in starts (26) and assists (15) as the Galaxy finished with the league's best regular-season record.

Thierry Henry also made the list after scoring 14 goals for the New York Red Bulls in his first full MLS season.

Donovan was selected for the fourth straight time and fifth overall after scoring a team-high 12 goals for the Galaxy. □

NBA talks continue with Stern's deadline on hold

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA owners and players are meeting again Thursday, hoping to reach a deal to end the lockout and very aware of the consequences if they fail. The two sides met for more than nine hours, working to try to find a way to save the season. Union executive committee member Roger Mason Jr. of the New York Knicks provided a little insight into the talks through Twitter. In response to fellow player T.J. Ford's question about whether the lockout was over yet, wrote: "No bro. Still a ways away."

This latest bargaining session came after players and owners met for 12 hours Wednesday, passing Commissioner David Stern's deadline for

players to accept the league's current proposal or face one that would be much worse. He said he "stopped the clock" while this round of negotiations continues but warned the harsher proposal will be put into play if talks break down. On Wednesday, they talked mostly about the salary cap system issues that divide them and did not even discuss the division of basketball-related income, which is the other major obstacle. Owners are calling for a 50-50 split, which the players would consider if they get the concessions they seek on the system.

The league, however, repeatedly has said it must have both in the next collective bargaining agreement. "The competitive issues are independent of the economic issues. Our

goal is to have a system in which all 30 teams are competing for championships and if well managed, they have an opportunity to break even or make a profit," Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said.

"So we don't see the ability to break even or make a profit as a trade-off for the ability to field a competitive team. So all those issues are still in play." Those issues largely relate to the spending rules for teams over the luxury tax threshold. The NBA has sought to ban or reduce their ability to use the midlevel exception or participate in sign-and-trade deals, as well as impose a more punitive tax that players fear would deter teams from spending so much that it would act like a hard salary cap. □

Rangers top Senators for 5th straight win

NHL Roundup

OTTAWA (AP) — Marian Gaborik scored twice, and Derek Stepan had a goal and two assists as the New York Rangers extended their winning streak to five games with a 3-2 victory over the Ottawa Senators on Wednesday.

Henrik Lundqvist stopped 29 shots for New York (8-3-3), which hit the road for the first time since a 4-1-1 homestand. The Rangers haven't lost since Oct. 29 when Ottawa rallied from three goals down in the third period and won 5-4 in a shootout.

Gaborik, who extended his point streak to four games, and Stepan scored 2:17 apart to put the Rangers up 2-1 midway through the second period. Stepan assisted on both of Gaborik's goals. Nick Foligno drew

Ottawa within one 1:18 later, but the Senators' comeback attempt fell short. Milan Michalek scored his 10th goal and Craig Anderson made 16 saves for Ottawa, which lost its fourth in a row.

Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson missed his fifth straight game because of a concussion.

Lightning 2, Flyers 1, OT
At Tampa, Florida, Brett Connolly scored 2:30 into overtime to give Tampa Bay a victory over Philadelphia. Connolly won it after Dominic Moore skated into the Flyers' zone and got the puck past a Philadelphia defender into the low slot, from where Connolly beat goalie Ilya Bryzgalov.

Marc-Andre Bergeron netted the tying goal in the third period for the Lightning, who have won seven of nine.



Anaheim Ducks center Andrew Cogliano, left, and Nashville Predators center Craig Smith eye the puck on a face-off during the first period of an NHL hockey game, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, in Anaheim, Calif.

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Scott Hartnell had the lone goal for the Flyers. Philadelphia routed Columbus

9-2 on Saturday but was shut down by Tampa Bay, which outshot the Flyers 24-

15.

Philadelphia defenseman Chris Pronger returned after missing six games because of a right eye injury. He had been out since being struck just outside the eye by a stick blade during a game against Toronto on Oct. 24. Predators 4, Ducks 2

At Anaheim, California, rookie Craig Smith had two goals and an assist, and Martin Erat scored from a second-period penalty shot as Nashville wrapped up a five-game trip with a victory over struggling Anaheim.

Colin Wilson had a goal and an assist, and Pekka Rinne made 31 saves in the Predators' fifth win in seven games. Nashville has beaten Anaheim twice this season in rematches of the clubs' first-round playoff series last spring, won in six games by the Predators. □

Nationals

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The 24-year-old player, who had just finished his rookie season, was just outside the front door at his home in the town of Santa Ines on Wednesday night when an SUV approached, armed men got out "and they took him away," said Ramos' agent, Gustavo Marcano.

"The abductors haven't made contact with the family or with anyone," said Domingo Alvarez, vice president of the Venezuelan Professional Baseball League, in a telephone interview. "We're worried." Major League Baseball and the Nationals issued a joint statement that the league's Department of Investigations was working with authorities.

"Our foremost concern is with Wilson Ramos and his family and our thoughts are with them at this time," the statement said, adding there would be no further comment.

Ramos is a key young player for the Nationals. As a rookie in 2011, he hit .267 with 15 home runs and 52 RBIs in 113 games. He also threw out 19 of 67 runners attempting to steal a base,

a 28 percent success rate that ranked third among qualifying catchers in the National League.

Washington acquired Ramos from the Minnesota Twins in a trade for All-Star relief pitcher Matt Capps in July 2010.

He is one of dozens of Venezuelans in the major leagues, and some of their families already have been targeted in a rising wave of kidnappings affecting the wealthy.

Venezuelan police said that 618 kidnappings were reported in 2009, and the numbers have grown rapidly in recent years. In 1998, when President Hugo Chavez was elected, just 52 kidnappings were reported. Security experts say the real number of kidnappings today is much higher because many cases aren't reported to authorities.

The wealthy have taken steps to protect themselves; sales of armored cars have soared in the past several years. Bodyguards typically shadow major leaguers when they return to their homeland to play in the winter league.

"Every major league player has his own security, but we don't know if he had his security there at that time,"



According to Kathe Vilera, a spokeswoman for Ramos' Venezuelan League team, the Aragua Tigers, four armed men kidnapped Ramos on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, from his home in central Venezuela.

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Alvarez said. He said it's the first time a major league player has been abducted in the country, though other players' relatives have been held for ransom in the past.

Former Boston Red Sox slugger Tony Armas, who lives in Venezuela, said young players have been taking additional security measures due to the risk of kidnappings.

"But many of them are careless sometimes. No one seriously thinks that this can happen to us, and much less in a country like ours where people love baseball," Armas said in a telephone interview. □

Crosby's return still on hold for Penguins

By WILL GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Sidney Crosby is feeling good these days. Still, the Pittsburgh Penguins superstar isn't sure when he'll return to the ice.

Coach Dan Bylsma said Thursday afternoon Crosby will not play Friday or Saturday and that his status remains uncertain. Crosby hasn't played since being diagnosed with concussion-like symptoms in early January.

"He's had a good week of practice and is progressing, but he will not be playing this weekend," Bylsma said. Crosby has practiced with the team since the start of training camp two months ago and was cleared for contact last month. He participated in a physical practice Wednesday, taking a couple of major shots from teammates.

The 24-year-old appeared to bounce back just fine Thursday, though he declined to talk to media afterward. Teammate Matt Cooke wouldn't specu-

late on Crosby's condition but said his teammate appeared to hold his own.

"We had line battles, one-on-one battles and it was intense," Cooke said.

There had been speculation that a six-day layoff between last Saturday's shootout win in Los Angeles and Friday's home game against Dallas would provide a window for the 2007 NHL MVP to be cleared to play.

Instead the wait continues. The next opportunity would be Tuesday at home against Colorado, though Bylsma stressed it will be up to Crosby and his team of doctors to decide when he's ready.

"From a coach's standpoint we're not looking for something, some kind of indicator on the ice that says Sidney can play," Bylsma said. "We're at the standpoint in terms of progression ... that's all the doctor's directive. That's not something I know about."

The Penguins have done more than stay afloat without their captain. □

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Djokovic, Federer, Murray reach Paris quarters

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PARIS (AP) — Novak Djokovic rallied from a set down to beat fellow Serb Viktor Troicki 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 and reach the Paris Masters quarterfinals on Thursday.

Andy Murray, Roger Federer, Tomas Berdych, David Ferrer of Spain and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France also advanced.

The top-ranked Djokovic looked a pale shadow of the player who dominated the first half of the season, making 44 unforced errors compared to 28 winners.

"It's obvious that I'm still not playing in the form that I had in the last 10 months," said Djokovic, who returned to action last week in Basel after a six-week injury layoff. "It takes a little bit of time to get into the rhythm."

Djokovic dropped serve twice to lose the first set to Troicki. But he broke for a 4-2 lead in the second, and leveled the match when Troicki sent a backhand wide. The Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion then raced to a 4-0 lead in the final set.

Djokovic will next play Tsonga.

Murray routed Andy Roddick 6-2, 6-2 and will next face 2005 champion Berdych, who beat Janko Tipsarevic 7-5, 6-4.

The second-seeded Murray improved his record to 17-0 since the U.S. Open and has won 27 of his last 28 matches since mid-August. Murray outclassed Roddick, hitting 27 winners



Andy Roddick of USA returns the ball to Andy Murray of Great Britain during their match in the Paris Tennis Masters tournament, Thursday, Nov.10, 2011, in Paris, France.

compared to only four for the American. He broke Roddick twice in each set, taking the first with a cross-court forehand winner before clinching victory with an ace.

"I started the match well, which against him is always important, because he plays his best when he's ahead," Murray said. "Because I broke him earlier, I was able to dictate a lot of what happened out there."

Roddick received a warning from the chair umpire at 2-0 in the second set after smashing his racket out of frustration.

Roddick will finish the sea-

son outside the top 10 for the first time since 2001.

"I just need to get in better shape as far as movement, and kind of catch up a little bit," Roddick said.

The fifth-seeded Berdych trailed 5-1 in the first set and 4-1 in the second, but fought back both times to clinch his spot in the eight-man ATP World Tour Finals. His victory meant Tsonga and Mardy Fish also secured spots in the season-ending tournament in London, with Tipsarevic missing out.

Tipsarevic made two double-faults in a row to set up match point for Berdych.

Federer downed Richard

Gasquet of France 6-2, 6-4 to next meet Juan Monaco of Argentina.

The third-seeded Swiss broke serve twice in the first set and took a 4-3 lead in the second on a double-fault from Gasquet before clinching victory with a forehand winner.

Meanwhile, fourth-seeded Ferrer ousted Alexandr Dolgoplov of Ukraine 6-3, 6-2, and the sixth-seeded Tsonga defeated Andreas Seppi of Italy 6-3, 6-4.

Ferrer will take on American John Isner, who beat Feliciano Lopez of Spain 6-4, 6-2. A double-fault from Seppi gave Tsonga a 2-0 lead and the Frenchman took

the first set with a forehand winner. The 2008 champion then broke for a 4-3 lead in the second, winning the match when Seppi netted a forehand.

Fish was leading 6-1, 6-7 (6), 2-1 against Monaco when a left hamstring injury forced him to retire.

Fish received treatment in the final set but was forced to quit after playing one more point.

"I started feeling it probably late in the second set," Fish said. "It went from sort of tightness and an uncomfortable feeling to, in that last game that I served, a lot more pain, a lot sharper." □

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Pacquiao faces old nemesis in fight with Marquez

TIM DAHLBERG
AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The hype is on for the return of Manny Pacquiao, boxing's most exciting fighter, who was last seen headed back to his duties as a congressman in the Philippines after dominating Shane Mosley in a 12-round decision in May.

And, while he's not fighting Floyd Mayweather Jr. as fight fans have hoped for a long time, he will be in the ring against Juan Manuel Marquez, a man who has given him more trouble than any other fighter in recent years. They've gone 24 rounds together, with not much separating them. Pacquiao escaped in a draw in their first fight seven years ago, then won a decision by the narrowest of margins in the 2008 rematch.

That, however, was before Pacquiao exploded into the public consciousness with dominating wins over Oscar De La Hoya and others. And it was before Pacquiao grew big enough to fight comfortably as a welterweight, where he is not only bigger but stronger. That's a big reason the bookies in this gambling city make Pacquiao a 7-1 favorite in a fight between two boxers who like nothing better than to mix it up. There aren't too many guarantees in boxing, but one is that

both Pacquiao and Marquez will end up at some point in the center of the ring slugging it out. And that's fine with the congressman from the Sarangani province.

"I think this fight Marquez will fight me toe-to-toe," Pacquiao said. "We know the style Marquez likes to fight and that's his style."

Marquez showed that in both of his two previous fights with Pacquiao, the first one fought at 125 pounds and the second at 130.

But this fight has a contract weight of 144 pounds, and Marquez was outclassed in his only fight above 140 pounds, a 12-round drubbing at the hands of Mayweather.

To avoid that happening against Pacquiao, Marquez bulked up for the fight with a new conditioning coach with previous ties to performance-enhancing drugs. The upper body of the 38-year-old challenger is notably bigger, though that too doesn't seem to bother Pacquiao or his handlers. "I'm very surprised," Pacquiao's trainer, Freddie Roach said. "I thought he'd come in at 135 and use his speed and counterpunching against Manny. They moved in a different direction by getting bigger."



Manny Pacquiao, left, jokes with members of the media while posing for photos with Juan Manuel Marquez during a news conference Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, in Las Vegas. Pacquiao and Marquez are scheduled to meet for boxing's WBO welterweight title on Saturday.

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Pacquiao is bigger now, too, though much bigger than Marquez remembers him from their 2008 fight. And that could be trouble for the Mexican fighter, who was dropped three times in the first round in their first fight and once in the second fight.

"I don't think he's going to be able to get up from this Manny Pacquiao punch," Roach said. Though Pacquiao is the attraction in the fight, Marquez might be

the star today had he won either or both of the first two fights. He believes he did win both, angering Pacquiao when he showed up a few months ago at a rally promoting the bout in Manila wearing a T-shirt saying he was robbed.

But he's not doing bad for the rubber match, with a \$5 million guarantee against Pacquiao's \$22 million guarantee.

"This time is going to be different," Marquez promised. "We're

going to be very, very intelligent in fighting with speed."

Roach isn't buying that, saying Marquez will be slower because of his added weight. Still, the fact that Pacquiao inserted a rematch clause in the fight contract should he get beat is evidence enough of the respect he has for a man he has faced for 24 long rounds in the ring.

"You win by knockout," said Roach, "and there's no rematch." □

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Study stirs debate over transplants for alcoholics

By **CARLA K. JOHNSON**

AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Some gravely ill alcoholics who need a liver transplant shouldn't have to prove they can stay sober for six months to get one, doctors say in a study that could intensify the debate over whether those who destroy their organs by drinking deserve new ones. In the small French study, the vast majority of the patients who got a liver without the wait stopped drinking after their surgery and were sober years later. The study involved patients who were suffering from alcohol-related hepatitis so severe that they were unlikely to survive a six-month delay.

The findings, reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, could boost demand for livers, already in scarce supply, and reopen a bitter dispute over whether alcoholics should even get transplants. The controversy peaked in the 1990s when celebrities with drinking problems — Larry Hagman, David Crosby and Mickey Mantle — got liver transplants. More recently, British soccer star George



In this Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011 photo, Jane Sussman sits on the porch of the Shadyside Family House, where she has lived since May 2011, waiting for a liver transplant at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Sussman, a pre-school teacher from Cambridge, Mass., who has been waiting for a liver transplant of more than a year does not want heavy drinkers to be added to the waiting list for organs. Doctors aren't sure what caused her liver condition, but it wasn't alcohol and she's never been a drinker.

Best received a new liver in 2002, started drinking again and died three years later. Alcohol can cause lethal, liver-destroying diseases such as cirrhosis and hepatitis. Nearly one in five liver transplants in the U.S. go to current or former heavy drinkers. Transplant hospitals commonly require patients waiting for a new liver to give up drinking for six months as a way of assuring doctors they are serious about staying sober after the operation.

Drinkers severely ill with hepatitis account for a very small share of patients needing transplants. The French study suggests that dropping the six-month rule for these patients would increase demand for livers by only about 3 percent. The study's lead author, Dr. Philippe Mathurin of Huriiez Hospital in Lille, France, said a strict application of the six-month rule may be unfair to such patients. He said they are just as deserving as other liver patients,



In this Thursday, March 4, 2004 file photo, former Northern Ireland soccer star George Best arrives for a gala dinner in London to mark FIFA's 100 year anniversary and to receive a FIFA trophy for being one of the 125 best soccer players of all time. More recently, the British soccer star received a new liver in 2002, started drinking again and died three years later.

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many of whom have diseases caused by poor lifestyle choices such as drug use or obesity. Mathurin said he favors keeping the rule for other alcoholics with liver disease, noting that some can recover liver function simply by staying sober. Dr. Robert S. Brown Jr., transplant director of New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center, agreed it is time

to rethink the six-month rule. "The challenge of this paper is to come up with better ways, both to treat alcoholism as a disease and to predict who will succeed with transplantation," he said.

Mathurin acknowledged that such a change could put more patients on the waiting list for organs, and said: "It means we have to increase the number of donors."

Nearly 6,300 liver transplants were performed last year in the United States, but more than 1,400 Americans died waiting for a new liver, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing. Adding more people to the list could mean longer waits and more deaths among non-drinkers.

Preschool teacher Jane Sussman, 59, has been waiting for a liver for more than a year. Doctors aren't sure what caused her liver condition, but it wasn't alcohol and she has never been a drinker. She doesn't want the list to get longer by adding more alcoholics. "Who knows for sure if they're not going to start drinking right way?" Sussman said from her temporary home in Pittsburgh near her transplant hospital. An organ from a deceased donor is "the most amazing gift you'll get in your life. If you don't treat it right, it's a wasted gift that could have gone to someone else, like myself."

The French study involved 26 alcoholics with severe hepatitis who were not getting better with drug treatment. □

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BMW unveils new electric and hybrid concept cars

BREE FOWLER

AP Auto Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — BMW unveiled a pair of concept cars Wednesday, one a hybrid and one electric, made of light-weight carbon fiber and a see-through glass exterior.

The cars are expected to go into production within the next two to three years. The carbon fiber in the i3 city car and i8 sports car significantly reduces the weight of the vehicle and the size of its frame, giving designers more flexibility and creating more interior space for passengers, said Richard Kim, who designed the exteriors of both vehicles.

The material, used in the aerospace sector and also for high-end bicycles, is valued for its strength-to-weight ratio.

Its uses are expanding, however, and engineers are designing everything from camping equipment to pool cues.

For the German automaker, it allowed for more glass where there is traditionally metal, Kim said.

The doors of both vehicles are mostly made of glass, along with much of their roofs and tail ends.

BMW said the car offers "superb safety in the event of a collision."

The final product may not appear as dramatic, but will have the same feel as the concept cars, Kim said.

"You may not see as much glass, but you will be able to see the light coming through," Kim said at a sneak peak event Wednesday in New York.

The cars officially debut next week at the Los Angeles auto show.

The i3 is expected to go into production in 2013, with production of the i8 following a year later.

The cost of the car has yet to be determined, though carbon fiber is not cheap.

The four-door i3 is designed for urban driving, with its



In this image provided by BMW, from left, BMW i3 Concept and BMW i8 Concept are shown. BMW is showing off a pair of new hybrid and electric concept cars expected to reach dealer showrooms in the next few years. The German automaker gave journalists in New York a sneak peak of its i3 city car and i8 sports car Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011.

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wheels pushed out to the corners of the frame for stability.

It has coach-style doors, with rear and front doors swinging open at the center of the vehicle.

The added stability of carbon fiber allowed designers to eliminate the support pillar traditionally found be-

tween the front and back doors, which will make it making it easier to enter and exit the vehicle, Kim said.

The i3 comes in an all-electric version that can go 80 miles to 100 miles on a single charge, but buyers have the option of adding a small gas engine that would recharge the battery if needed.

It takes about six hours to fully charge the battery.

The sporty i8 has two

winged doors made of glass and a sleek silhouette. The exterior is designed to help the car cut through the air more efficiently.

The all-wheel drive car has a battery and a gas engine that work together, with the battery powering the front wheels and a gas engine powering the rear wheels. Without the gas engine, the car has a range of about 20 miles, but fully charges in less than two hours. □

Report: Zynga CEO wants workers to give back stock

NEW YORK (AP) — Zynga CEO Mark Pincus is pushing some of the online game company's early employees to give back stock they own ahead of the company's initial public offering of stock, according to a published report Thursday.

The Wall Street Journal said that Pincus, who gave out stock freely to keep top talent early on, developed "giver's remorse."

That's because some of the early employees didn't contribute as much to the company as those hired later. But because they got in early, they got more shares.

Zynga's games include "FarmVille," "Zynga Poker" and "CityVille" and are mostly played on Facebook. The company has filed for an IPO but has not yet said how much it plans to raise. Zynga is among several technology companies that either had IPOs

recently or are planning to soon. Groupon Inc. had its IPO last week, and Facebook is likely to have one next year.

Getting into a hot startup early on and reaping the rewards after a sale or IPO is a big part of Silicon Valley culture. The promise of a big payout is what gets a lot of people working long hours with little compensation early in a startup's life.

But the Journal said Pincus wanted people to keep contributing to the company even when it got big rather than just "rest and vest" — that is, wait to cash in.

The Journal cited unnamed people with knowledge of the matter. Reached by The Associated Press, Zynga declined to comment because it is in a federally mandated quiet period ahead of its IPO, which is expected this year. The company, which is based



Zynga CEO Mark Pincus speaks at a Zynga event Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, in San Francisco. Zynga is adding more ways for people to play its Web games as it grooms its business for an initial public offering of stock.

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in San Francisco, has about 3,000 employees.

Lynne C. Hermle, a Silicon Valley employment lawyer who does not represent Zynga, said the practice happens at other companies, too. □

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Unemployment aid hits 7-month low, trade gap falls



Maria Aplington, from United Parcel Service, helps Craig Wooten, of Portland, navigate their web site during a hiring event for UPS at WorkSource Oregon, in Portland, Ore. UPS is looking for bicycle delivery helpers. Fewer people applied for unemployment benefits last week, a positive sign that the job market is picking up a bit.

(AP Photo/Rick Bowmer)

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AP Economics Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The outlook for American jobs and trade looked a little brighter Thursday, despite growing uncertainty overseas.

The number of people who applied for unemployment benefits last week fell to a seasonally adjusted 390,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. That's the fewest since April.

The U.S. trade deficit narrowed to \$43.1 billion in September, its lowest point of the year, the Commerce Department said. Foreign sales of American-made autos, airplanes and heavy machinery pushed exports to an all-time high.

The data suggest layoffs are easing and the economy grew slightly better over the summer than the government had estimated a month ago.

Stocks rose sharply Thurs-

day, one day after the market tumbled nearly 400 points over concerns that Europe's debt crisis could worsen.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 113 points, or 1 percent, to close at 11,894. The reports "are modestly strong relative to expectations — encouraging confidence that the economy is gaining a bit of momentum," said Pierre Ellis, an analyst at Decision Economics.

Weekly applications for unemployment benefits have declined in three of the past four weeks, the Labor Department said. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, fell to 400,000, also the lowest point since April. The downward trend in applications suggests businesses are laying off fewer workers. Still, applications need to consistently drop below 375,000 to signal sustained job gains. They haven't been at that

level since February. "The labor market is still weak and quite stagnant but there are hopeful signs of some modest improvement," said Steve Wood, chief economist at Insight Economics.

In September, exports increased 1.4 percent to a record \$180.4 billion, reflecting a big increase in shipments of U.S. made autos and auto parts, the Commerce Department said. □

Disney 4Q beats estimates on pay TV growth

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Disney said Thursday that its fourth-quarter net income rose 30 percent, thanks to higher spending by theme park visitors and growth at pay TV operations ESPN and Disney Channel.

The Walt Disney Co.'s movie studio profits grew, helped by the theatrical re-release of "The Lion King" in 3-D. The growth occurred in spite of lower revenue in home entertainment. Consumer products sales and profits grew and the company trimmed losses at its interactive unit.

Net income in the July through September period rose to \$1.09 billion, or 58 cents per share. A year



In a photo provided by Disney Christina Aguilera poses with Minnie Mouse following the taping of the 2011 Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa in Anaheim, Calif. The show airs Christmas Day, at various times across the country, on ABC.

(AP Photo/Paul Hiffmeyer/Disneyland)

ago, Disney posted net income of \$835 million, or 43 cents per share, for the same period.

Excluding one-time items,

adjusted earnings came to 59 cents per share, beating the 54 cents expected by analysts polled by FactSet. □

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Greece, Italy turn to experts for way out of debt

**FRANCES D'EMILIO
NICHOLAS PAPHITIS
Associated Press**

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Europe's financial crisis eased Thursday as Greece installed a respected economist to replace its prime minister and Italy appeared

ered out soon — quieted market fears, at least for now, that turmoil in Europe could threaten the global economy. But significant challenges remain in both debt-heavy Mediterranean countries. Greece's new prime minister, Lucas

pass new austerity measures over the next few days. However, expectations that respected economist Mario Monti will lead an interim technocratic government after Berlusconi goes helped lift the gloom. Italy's borrowing costs shot

after that. Monti, 68, now heads Milan's Bocconi University, but he made his reputation as the European Union competition commissioner who blocked General Electric's takeover of Honeywell. European stock markets rose on the twin Greek and Italian developments, while in the U.S. the Dow Jones industrial average was up 113 points, or 1 percent, a day after shedding nearly

400 points. The euro was also in demand, trading 0.5 percent higher at \$1.3609. Still, the European Union warned that the 17-nation eurozone could slip back into "a deep and prolonged" recession next year amid the debt crisis. The European Commission predicted the eurozone will grow a pallid 0.5 percent in 2012 — much less than its earlier forecast of 1.8 percent. □



Outgoing Prime Minister George Papandreou waves to the media as he leaves the presidential palace in Athens, Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011. Lucas Papademos was named Thursday as the prime minister of the new Greek interim government, charged with keeping the debt-strapped country out of bankruptcy and firmly in the 17-nation eurozone. After four days of intense political negotiations, the 64-year-old former vice president of the European Central Bank was chosen to lead a coalition backed by both the governing Socialists and opposition conservatives that will operate until early elections in February.

(AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis)

poised to do the same — both hoping that monetary experts can do better than the politicians who drove their nations so deeply into debt. The announcement in Athens — coupled with the prospect that volatile Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi will be ush-

Papademos, a former vice president of the European Central Bank, must quickly secure the crucial loan installment without which his country will go bankrupt before Christmas, and approve the EU's \$177 billion (€130 billion) bailout deal. In Italy, lawmakers have to

up alarmingly Wednesday to 7.4 percent on fears that Berlusconi would linger in office. But the markets calmed Thursday when it appeared that Italian lawmakers would approve the latest government austerity plans in the next few days and Berlusconi would resign

Starbucks acquires juice business for \$30M

SARAH SKIDMORE

AP Food Industry Writer

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — Starbucks Corp. hopes to do for juice what it's done for coffee.

The Seattle-based company that changed the way Americans drink their cup of Joe said Thursday that it acquired by juice maker Evolution Fresh Inc. for \$30 million as part of a larger effort to move beyond just offering coffee.

Starbucks said it plans to "reinvent" the \$1.6 billion super-premium juice segment with its purchase of Evolution, which is based in San Bernadino, California. The company plans to



open a new chain of health and wellness stores in the coming year that will carry Evolution products such as juices and simple foods. Details are still thin on the new chain, but Starbucks described it as a retail model that has never been seen before. "We are not just ac-

quiring a juice company," said Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz. "We are using this acquisition to position ourselves, in a broad way, to build a multibillion health and wellness business over time."

The move is the latest by Starbucks to broaden its business as consumers demand healthier products and it faces growing competition from the likes of McDonald's and Dunkin' Donuts. The company has rolled out lower-calorie and lower-fat food options, sugar-free syrups and switched from whole milk to 2 percent milk as the default in its drinks. □

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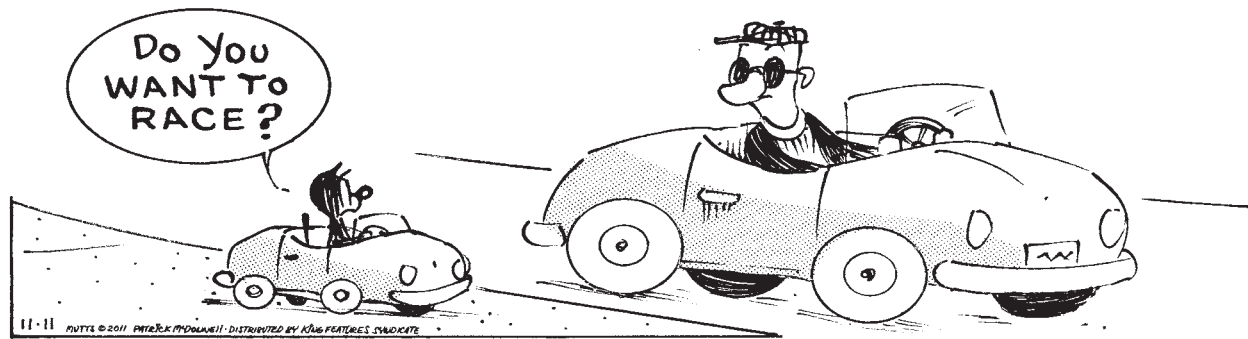
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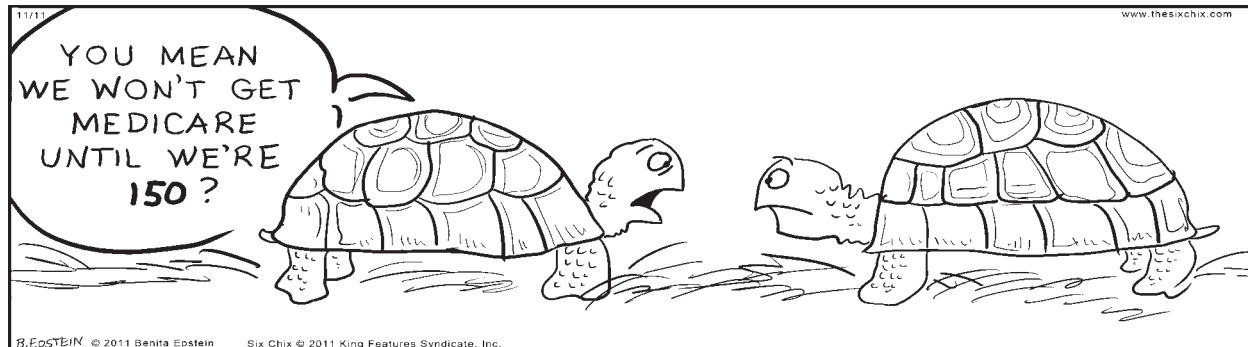
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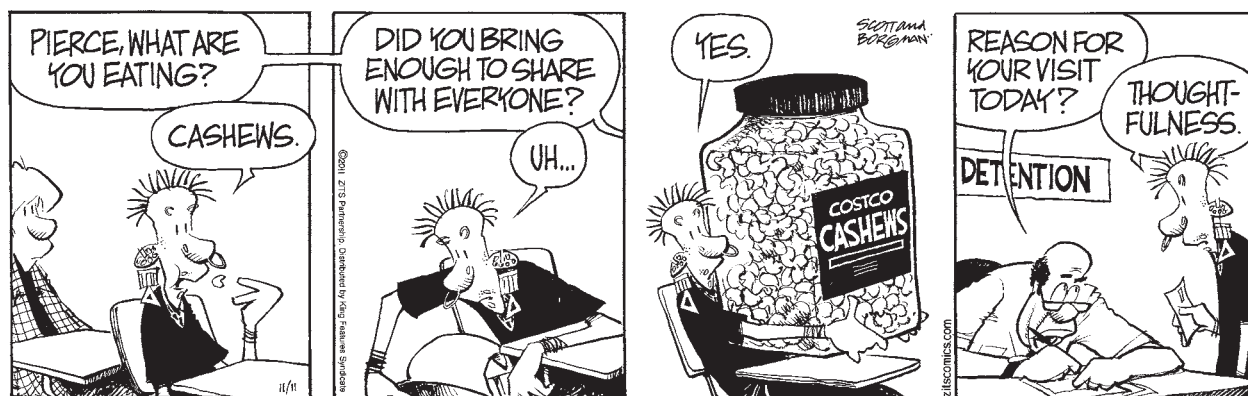
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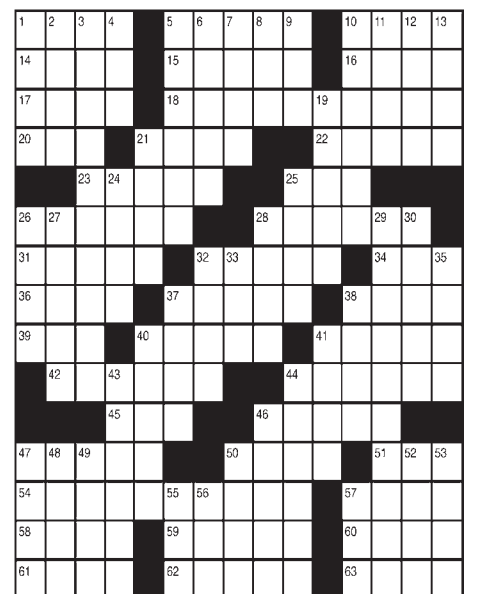
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

9	5	3	7	2	6	4	1	8
1	2	8	4	5	3	6	7	9
4	7	6	9	1	8	5	3	2
2	3	4	5	8	9	7	6	1
8	1	7	2	6	4	3	9	5
6	9	5	1	3	7	2	8	4
5	6	1	8	7	2	9	4	3
3	4	2	6	9	1	8	5	7
7	8	9	3	4	5	1	2	6

ACROSS

- 1 Unclothed
5 Accidental and very odd
10 Fly alone
14 Once again
15 Ms. Zellweger
16 Actor James
17 Urgent
18 Pop art painter
20 Consumed
21 6 ___ 12 is 2
22 Awful; unfair
23 GEICO spokesman
25 Companion
26 Escapes the detection of
28 Vodka ___; cocktail made with lime juice
31 Extremely cold
32 Telephone greeting
34 Hither and ___; in all directions
36 Small fly
37 Embankment
38 Alpha's follower
39 Take a chair
40 Warning device
41 Groucho's prop
42 Get comfy
44 Skeptical response
45 Tit for ___
46 High-IQ society
47 Meat juice jelly
50 Wordsworth or Angelou
51 Relaxing resort
54 Resistant to damage from an impact
57 Drug addict
58 Eccentric
59 Mac maker
60 Appear
61 Lively; agile
62 Smudge
63 Biting reptiles



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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

SOFIA	ABES	ALES
ONION	BLAH	LOAN
READY	EURO	LUGE
ESTIMATE	DEFILE	
	NODS	ADVISER
BOLERO	BUYER	
ODE	ERRED	NECKS
MOVE	EERIE	DUNE
BRIMS	ALTAR	PEA
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DOWN

- 1 Word that means nothing in Mexico
2 Intensive care ___; ICU
3 Release from governmental control
4 Mother sheep
5 Hot dogs
6 Slowly, in music
7 Take apart
8 Door opener
9 Evergreen tree
10 Torah, for one
11 Hawaiian island
12 Asian nation
13 Exclusively
19 Hertz rival
21 Frosted
24 Blue-pencil
25 Stack
26 Breakfast order
27 USSR leader Vladimir ___
28 Secluded valley
29 Spectacles
30 Complete
32 In this location
33 Adam's wife
35 ___ a soul; nobody
37 Cheerful tune

- 38 Slant; prejudice
40 Actor Robert
41 Penny
43 Goopy
44 Double-breasted coat
46 Money, slangily
47 Invites
48 Store
49 Needy
50 Vatican leader
52 Chicken's noise
53 Weapons
55 Daddies
56 Record speed letters
57 Mexico's neighbor: abbr.

Master of mass flirtation, with wink and wriggle

BEN BRANTLEY

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NEW YORK — Hugh Jackman practices safe sex like nobody else. His sweet-and-hot new show "Hugh Jackman: Back on Broadway," which opened Thursday night at the Broadhurst Theater, is a great, guilt-free platonic one-night stand. OK, so maybe the guy tends to run on about himself (his dreams, his job, his family, you know the drill) and cracks a few too many hokey jokes.

But when he gets down to business, this dream date delivers. And even when he's grinding his hips before front-row patrons at eye level, you know that with Jackman there'll be no morning-after regrets or feelings of sleaziness. He is, in his gold lame way, as perfect a gentleman as anyone your grandmother swooned over at the Roxy. You half expect him to send you (and everyone else in the theater) flowers the next day.

The impossibly talented, impossibly energetic Jackman is a glorious dinosaur among live entertainers of the 21st century: an honest-to-gosh old-fashioned matinee idol who connects to his audiences without a hint of contempt for them or for himself. A movie star with a major action franchise (as Wolverine in the "X-Men" series), Jackman says he's happiest as a song-and-dance man, the kind who conducts mass flirtation with a wink, a wriggle, a firmly handled melody and maybe a cane and some tap shoes.

This hot-ticket concert, previously seen in San Francisco and Toronto, has had writers comparing Jackman to fabled entertainers like Judy Garland and Frank Sinatra (in his pre-chairman-of-the-board days). If Jackman isn't in that league (and I wouldn't dare try convincing the audiences at the Broadhurst that he isn't), it's only because he's too nice, too sane.

There's never that lurid, dangerous threat in the air that he might just fall apart



From left: Kearran Giovanni, Hugh Jackman, Lara Seibert and Emily Tyra in Jackman's one man show "Hugh Jackman Back on Broadway" at the Broadhurst Theater in New York. In the concert, previously seen in San Francisco and Toronto, Jackman, who says he's happiest as a song-and-dance man, has had writers comparing him to fabled entertainers like Judy Garland and Frank Sinatra.

(Sara Krulwich/The New York Times)

(as there was with Garland) or turn nasty (as with Sinatra and the rawer rock 'n' roll idols of the last third of the 20th century). On the other hand, you never think that he's some synthetic, airbrushed illusion — like many of the stadium-playing chart toppers of today — held together by smoke, mirrors and synthesizers.

No, Jackman is palpably present and in his own skin. You feel you could reach out and touch him, and you may well have occasion to as he works the aisles of the Broadhurst, where his show runs through Jan. 1. That's what he's there for: to connect, to love and to be loved. And he makes it clear from his first entrance — striding across the stage, hitching up his pants over his lean hips and raising his eyebrows companionably as a fan emits a passionate squeal — that he'd be oh so easy to love.

That's love in a major key.

Jackman sings the occasional ballad, but he's more in his element in sunlight than in shadows. Born in Sydney, he makes much of being a game-for-anything Aussie, always up for a drink, an adventure, a good time. This is not to suggest that there's anything remotely slapdash about his performance in this show, which is directed and choreographed by Warren Carlyle. Jackman dances with a Rockette's precision and makes sure that his lyrics (sung with a hint of an outback twang) land with clarity and meaning.

Of course those moves and words wouldn't count for nearly as much if Jackman didn't inflect them with infectious affection for what he's doing. He is as much of a classic musical-comedy nerd as any character on "Glee" and a lot more authentic.

He establishes his Broad-

way bona fides in his opening number. His voice, a capella, precedes him onstage, singing "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'," from "Oklahoma!," the show that established Jackman as a musical star to reckon with when he appeared in it 13 years ago at the National Theater in London. And he concludes the first-act with a beguilingly sincere version of Billy Bigelow's "Soliloquy," from another Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, "Carousel."

In between he croons, belts, twirls and shimmies through several high-powered medleys — tributes to New York City and the irrepressible urge to dance (in which "I Won't Dance" segues into "gotta dance!"). He has smooth assistance from a terrific onstage orchestra (with musical direction by Patrick Vaccariello) and a comely sextet of dancing backup singers. □

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Taylor Swift, The Band Perry big winners at CMAs

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NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

— Taylor Swift won her second entertainer of the year award and rising sibling act The Band Perry was the night's top winner as The Country Music Association Awards celebrated the young women of country music on Wednesday night. Swift was rewarded for an amazing year during which she brought country music to the Far East, scored hits all around the world and continued a run that's made her country's hottest young star for several years. She's just the second woman to win the award twice, joining Barbara Mandrell.

"This is thanks to all the fans who filled the stadiums and arenas all over the world this year," said Swift, who leaped from her seat with her hands in the air and jumped for joy. "I am so happy we had so many to play for this year. You have made my year."

It was a melancholy song about dying young that ran hard against the tried-and-true country radio formula that had everyone's attention most of the night, though. "If I Die Young," written by Kimberly Perry,

was Kimberly Perry alone. But the message was the same nonetheless.

"If I Die Young" is one of the few country songs that managed to crossover into the pop world.

"We sort of feel like we are part of the country evangelism scene and we love to hear country songs on pop radio," Kimberly Perry said. "It proved to be a song with really long legs." Crossover appeal proved to be the theme of the night. Jason Aldean, who won his first major CMA award when his platinum-selling "My Kinda Party" won album of the year, also won musical event of the year for his duet "Don't You Wanna Stay" with Kelly Clarkson. And Kenny Chesney won music video of the year for his duet "You and Tequila" with Grace Potter. That theme also carried over to the stage where stars from different genres came together for some of the CMA's strongest performances. The show also featured plenty of sexy dancing, belching smoke special effects and, at one point, acrobats spinning down from the ceiling on lengths of unspooling fabric.



Taylor Swift accepts the award for entertainer of the year during the 45th Annual CMA Awards in Nashville, Tenn., on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011.

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vice to Lady Antebellum on the red carpet.

Gregg Allman joined fellow Peach State natives Zac Brown Band on "Georgia on my Mind," Natasha Bedingfield, in a dress that fea-

tured a fluffy red skirt, joined Rascal Flatts on stage to perform their duet "Easy," and that was just the start of genre shuffling.

Blake Shelton and Kenny Loggins opened the show

with a high-energy version of Loggins' hit "Footloose." Later, Glen Campbell, one of country's biggest crossover pioneers who is now battling Alzheimer's disease, was given a musical tribute when Vince Gill, Keith Urban and Brad Paisley sang three of his songs. Richie, who will soon issue a country duets album, hadn't performed on the CMAs since 1986 when he appeared with Alabama. He noted the show has changed dramatically over the decades, as has country music.

"It's Cirque de Soleil ... it's full-on production," Richie said. "This is off-the-chain, this is the Oscars of the music business, the CMAs."

Lady Antebellum won vocal group of the year for the third straight time and Sugarland took its fifth straight vocal duo of the year award. And Shelton and his wife Lambert repeated as male and female vocalists of the year. "Congrats to my hubby, too," Lambert shouted from the stage to Shelton. "It's going to be a good night tonight, baby!" The camera cut to Shelton, who rubbed his hands together and smiled



From left, Neil, Kimberly, and Reid Perry of The Band Perry pose backstage with the awards for single of the year, song of the year, and new artist of the year at the 45th Annual CMA Awards in Nashville, Tenn., on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011.

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won song and single of the year and the band picked up new artist of the year as well.

Technically the band, which includes Perry's brothers Neil and Reid, won two awards since song of the year goes to the writer, who

Lionel Richie had every star buzzing on the red carpet before performing duets from his new country album with Rascal Flatts, Darius Rucker and Little Big Town. He posed for a picture with Miranda Lambert and gave ad-

Mariah Carey: Pregnancy made my voice stronger



Mariah Carey attends a press event to announce her role as the new brand ambassador for Jenny, in New York, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Mariah Carey is known for her five-octave range, and she says her voice has gotten stronger, thanks to pregnancy. The 42-year-old gave birth to fraternal twins in April via C-section.

She recently lost 30 pounds by following the Jenny Craig diet, and says the process has enhanced her vocals.

"Right now I feel like pregnancy actually helped me vocally," Carey said in an interview Wednesday. "At this moment my voice is in great shape."

The Grammy winner is also working on new music, which she said is partly inspired by her pregnancy.

Carey made the comments as she was announced as the new brand ambassador for Jenny Craig, which is now called Jenny.

The singer said after giving birth she was "approached by a lot of different companies," but that the folks at Jenny "understood me."

During her pregnancy Carey dealt with gestational diabetes and toxemia.

She says "you couldn't make me go through that again."

"I knew I was going to gain weight during the pregnancy, but I didn't think about the pain the weight would cause," she said. "I didn't know if I was going to be able to walk again ... I couldn't get up out of my chair alone." □

Victoria's Secret show is mix of music and models



Models walk the runway during the Victoria's Secret fashion show in New York, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011.
(AP Photo/Brad Barker)



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NEW YORK (AP) — Believe it or not, the Victoria's Secret fashion show belonged to the boys on Wednesday night.

It was Kanye West, Jay-Z and Maroon 5 who got the audience clapping and cheering at the annual lingerie extravaganza at the Lexington Avenue Armory, quite a feat considering they were sharing the stage with some of the world's top models — in barely-there get-ups, no less.

The show, which also featured a song by Nicki Minaj, who was decked out in a bright orange bustier, cosmic-print skirt and leggings, and a frothy pink wig, will be televised on CBS on Nov. 29.

The worlds of fashion and music always come together on this runway, which is more for entertainment, excitement and brand-building than a serious preview of styles. It really clicked this time, though, when Maroon 5 frontman Adam Levine escorted his girlfriend Anne Vyalitsyna down the catwalk and then planted a kiss on her cheek.

She was wearing a push-up bra covered with a crystal-encrusted body overlay. Model Constance Jablonski strutted to "Moves Like Jagger" in an illusion beaded gown with a feather mermaid hemline, and Karlie Kloss wore a corset-style bodysuit covered in tropical colored beads.

A lot of the backstage buzz before the show was about West, who was originally scheduled for the 2007 show but pulled out after his mother's death. Doutzen Kroes and Chanel Iman were among the top Victoria's Secret models, dubbed VS Angels, who posed with him in their micro-mini pink satin robes and told him they expected his set to be a highlight of the night.

"I lost my super hero," he said when he eventually landed on the runway, "and now she's my super angel."

He started singing and that

cued Alessandra Ambrosio to come out in a leather harness, push-up bra, thigh-high leather boots and a long, flowing cape splashed with the word "incredible" in cartoon-style letters trailing behind her. Lindsay Ellington was on her heels in a leather bodysuit paired with silver wings and soon after came Erin Heath-

worth of diamonds. It was featured in a section of the show called "Angels Aquatic" that was a parade of mermaid goddesses in undergarments embellished with pearls and their wings crafted like shells.

The other fashion themes were ballet, which featured feathers, tutus, legwarmers attached to garters and



A model walks the runway during the Victoria's Secret fashion show in New York, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011.
(AP Photo/Brad Barker)

erton in a latex bodice and silver-dagger, weaponlike wings.

West then called out his "big bro" Jay-Z to come from backstage for the next song. Both rappers are known fans of sometimes flamboyant fashion, but West wore a brand new Versace for H&M jacket and black leather pants with a low-slung gold belt, and Jay-Z went the black hoodie with black jeans route.

The glitz instead came from Miranda Kerr's Fantasy Bra, studded with \$2.5 million

lace-up stilettos; passion, interpreted in Spanish-style lace boleros and flamenco skirts; and Victoriana, with high tulle collars, parasols, cameo pins and big bustles attached to tiny panties. The finale, called Club Pink, was dedicated to the retailer's loungewear line with heart-covered hoodies, skirts decorated with pom-poms and sequin T-shirts. For Kroes, the show is a chance to play dress-up. It's all fun, she said. "You get your hair and makeup done, and you wear these beautiful, sexy things." □

Personal foul at Penn State



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WASHINGTON — My nephew Anthony, 10, is the proud owner of Penn State shorts, underwear, socks, jerseys, sweat-shirts and plastic football players.

The thrill of his young life was seeing the Nittany Lions beat Indiana at FedEx Field last year. He even bravely broke with generations of family tradition to declare that he loved Joe Paterno more than Notre Dame.

So I've got to wonder how the 84-year-old coach feels when he thinks about all the children who look up to him; innocent, football-crazy boys like the one he was told about in March 2002, a child then Anthony's age who was sexually assaulted in a shower in the football building by Jerry Sandusky, Paterno's former defensive guru, according to charges leveled by the Pennsylvania attorney general.

Paterno was told about it the day after it happened by Mike McQueary, a graduate assistant coach who testified that he went into the locker room one Friday night and heard rhythmic slapping noises. He looked into the showers and saw a naked boy about 10 years old "with his hands up against the wall, being subjected to anal intercourse by a naked Sandusky," according to the grand jury report.

It would appear to be the rare case of a pedophile caught in the act, and you'd think a graduate student would know enough to stop the rape and call the police. But McQueary, who was 28 years old at the time, was a serf in the powerfully paternal Paternoland. According to the report, he called his dad, went home and then the next day went to the coach's house to tell him.

"I don't even have words to talk about the betrayal that I feel," the mother of one of Sandusky's alleged victims told The Harrisburg Patriot-News, adding about McQueary: "He ran and called his daddy?"

Paterno, who has cast himself for 46 years as a moral compass teaching his "kids" values, testified that he did not call the police at the time either. The family man who had faced difficult moments at Brown University as a poor Italian with a Brooklyn accent must have decided that his reputation was more important than justice.

The iconic coach waited another day, according to the report, and summoned Tim Curley, the Penn State athletic director who had been a quarterback for Paterno in the '70s. Curley did not call the university police, who had investigated an episode in 1998 in which Sandusky admitted he was wrong to shower with an 11-year-old boy and promised not to do it again. (Two years later, according to the grand jury report, a janitor saw Sandusky performing oral sex on a boy in the showers and told his supervisor, who did not report it.) Curley waited another week and a half to see McQueary, who told the grand jury that he repeated his sodomy story for Curley and Gary Schultz, a university vice president who oversaw campus police.

Two more weeks passed before Curley contacted McQueary to let him know that Sandusky's keys to the locker room had been taken away and that the incident had been reported to The Second Mile, the charity Sandusky started in 1977.

Prosecutors suggest that the former coach, whose memoir is ironically titled "Touched," founded the charity as a way to ensnare boys. They have charged Sandusky, now 67, with sexually assaulting eight boys he met there.

Despite knowing of the two similar rapes, The Second Mile did not do anything to keep Sandusky away from vulnerable children until 2008.

Curley said he told Sandusky he could no longer bring children onto the Penn State campus. In other words, Jer, if you want to violate kids who live in cow town where everything revolves around the idolatry of Penn State and Paterno, kindly take them off campus. The predator was still welcome on his own, though; he was spotted at the football team's weight room working out last week.

Curley told the university president, Graham Spanier, about the matter, and it got buried. Paterno, Curley and Schultz disingenuously claim they were left with the impression that the contact might have been mere "horsing around," as Curley put it. □



Girls just want to go to school



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THU THUA, Vietnam — Sometimes you see your own country more sharply from a distance. That's how I felt as I dropped in on a shack in this remote area of the Mekong Delta in Vietnam.

The head of the impoverished household during the week is a malnourished 14-year-old girl, Dao Ngoc Phung. She's tiny, standing just 4 feet 11 inches and weighing 97 pounds.

Yet if Phung is achingly fragile, she's also breathtakingly strong. You appreciate the challenges that America faces in global competitiveness when you learn that Phung is so obsessed with schoolwork that she sets her alarm for 3 a.m. each day. She rises quietly so as not to wake her younger brother and sister, who both share her bed, and she then cooks rice for breakfast while reviewing her books.

The children's mother died of cancer a year ago, leaving

the family with \$1,500 in debts. Their father, a carpenter named Dao Van Hiep, loves his children and is desperate for them to get an education, but he has taken city jobs so that he can pay down the debt. Therefore, during the week, Phung is like a single mother who happens to be in the ninth grade. Phung wakes her brother and sister, and then after breakfast they all trundle off to school. For Phung, that means a 90-minute bicycle ride each way. She arrives at school 20 minutes early to be sure she's not late. After school, the three children go fishing to get something to eat for dinner. Phung reserves unpleasant chores, like cleaning the toilet, for herself, but she does not hesitate to discipline her younger brother, Tien, 9, or sister, Huong, 12. When Tien disobeyed her by hanging out with some bad boys, she thrashed him with a stick.

Most of the time, though, she's gentle, especially when Tien misses his mother. "I try to comfort him," she says, "but then all three of us end up crying." Phung yearns to attend university and become an accountant. It's an almost impossible dream for a village girl, but across East Asia the poor often compensate for lack of money with a dazzling work ethic and gritty faith that education can change destinies. The obsession with schooling is a legacy of Confucianism — a 2,500-year-old tradition of respect for teachers, scholarship and meritocratic exams.

That's one reason Confucian countries like China, South Korea and Vietnam are among the world's star performers in the war on poverty.

Phung pleads with her father to pay for extra tutoring in math and English. He explains softly that the cost — \$40 a year — is unaffordable.

(For anyone who wants to help Phung, an aid group called Room to Read has set up a fund to help her and girls like her; details are on my blog, nytimes.com/ontheground, or on facebook.com/kristof.)

I wish we Americans could absorb a dollop of Phung's reverence for education. The United States, once the world leader in high school and college attendance, has lagged in both since the 1970s. Of 27 countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development for which we have data, the United States now ranks 23rd in high school graduation rates.

Granted, Asian schools don't nurture creativity, and Vietnamese girls are sometimes treated as second-class citizens who must drop out of school to help at home. But education is generally a top priority in East Asia, for everyone from presidents to peasants. Teachers in America's troubled schools complain to me that parents rarely show up for meetings. In contrast, Phung's father takes a day off work and spends a day's wages for transportation to attend parent-teacher conferences. □



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